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Navratilova takes ninth Wimbledon title for 10th



'As long as my body is willing'



Marina Navratilova rolled remorselessly to a record ninth Wimbledon singles title yesterday and swore to try for her 10th "as long as my body is willing."

"This tops it all," she said after her comprehensive 6-4 6-1 centre-court triumph over fellow-American Zina Garrison. "I've worked so long and so hard for this."

"It will be a catastrophe," said Adi Eldar, mayor of the town Carmiel. He called for emergency measures for industry to create jobs.

"This one means more than any of the others because I had to wait for it. It was also the most difficult emotionally."

"The doubts were always there, but I knew this

was my best chance so far and I might not get a better chance. I was 100 per cent healthy. Everything was working. There were no glitches." She said. Pictures show Navratilova making a fist (left) after winning the title. At right, Navratilova holds the Wimbledon plate. (Reuter wirephotos)

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Turkey, Indonesia toll heavy

Islamic Haj ministers meet in Jeddah

NICOSIA, July 7. (Reuter): Indonesia and Turkey suffered the biggest losses in Monday's pilgrim stampede in a pedestrian tunnel near Makkah, accounting for more than 1,100 of the 1,426 dead.

Malaysia, reporting 122 dead, is the only other country known to have suffered more than 25 dead.

Pilgrims who do not speak Arabic usually move through the rituals of the Hajj in large national groups, which would explain why more than four-fifths of the victims came from non-Arab countries.

The following totals have been compiled by Reuters from reports reaching the pilgrims' homelands:

Indonesia - 562, Turkey - 550,

Malaysia - 122, Pakistan - 25, Philippines - 22, Bahrain - 11, Bangladesh - 7, India - 5, Lebanon - 4, Egypt - 3, Jordan - 2, Nigeria - 1, Australia - 1.

Malaysia says that in addition to its own loss the dead included 11 from other countries travelling with the Malaysian pilgrims. At least one was from Australia.

Bahrain reports another 17 pilgrims missing and Jordan six.

The death toll of 1,426 was given by Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef ibn Abdulaziz, a brother of the king, on Tuesday evening. It has not been updated and there is no indication whether any of the many injured have since died in hospital.

Religious affairs ministers from seven Muslim countries began a two-day meeting at Jeddah today, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

It said they would discuss Muslim issues and co-operation and co-operation at the annual meeting.

Ministers from Indonesia, Pakistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are participating, along with representatives from Gambia and Morocco.

Anatolian news agency said 550 Turks may have been killed in the stampede in the 600 metre long (1,968 foot) tunnel.

There were an estimated 40,000 Turks among the 1.5 million pilgrims from various countries at the annual Hajj. Anatolian said 394 of the Turks had been identified by late today.

Saudi Arabia said the 10 metre wide (32 foot) pedestrian tunnel leading to the site where pilgrims perform Jamarat (stoning the Devil) — the final Haj ritual — was packed with 50,000 people when disaster struck.

Saudi interior minister said pilgrims panicked when several people were knocked down at the tunnel entrance.

Boat capsizes in Quetta killing 40

QUETTA, Pakistan, July 7. (AP): A boat crammed with vacationers capsized in a lake in southwestern Pakistan, killing as many as 40 people and injuring eight others, newspapers reported today.

At least 60 people, most of whom returned home yesterday at the end of a three-day Muslim holiday, were packed into a small wooden boat that plies Harnai lake, near Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta, the Pakistan Times said.

Bengalis identified

By Diana Abou Haidar
Arab Times staff

AS of yesterday, Saudi Arabian authorities and Bangladeshi embassy have identified nine Bangladeshi pilgrims killed in the tragic Mo'essam tunnel accident in Makkah, said Sayed Muazzem Ali, Bangladeshi consul-general in Jeddah.

"The position on the missing is not very clear. Some pilgrims have gone to Medina and we are still trying to find out if there are any missing," he told Arab Times. The consul added that the Bangladeshi ambassador and medical mission are doing their best in co-operation with authorities in Makkah to identify victims.

Ali said that about 18,000 Bangladeshi pilgrims went to Haj this year. He explained that about 6,150 of them came with government sponsored missions and were easier to locate than others who came with privately arranged groups from Bangladesh or other countries where they reside.

The names of the deceased as released by the consulate are:

— Abdullaftu Mohamed Dewan Ali

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NRI meet ends

Indian Minister of State of External Affairs Hari Kishore Singh, speaks during closing session of the third Gulf Non-Resident Indian conference in New Delhi (Reuter wirephoto)

BARI, July 7. (Reuter): A fine piece of opportunism by striker Roberto Baggio and a penalty by Salvatore Schillaci earned Italy a 2-1 win over England in the World Cup third place playoff today.

Schillaci's 86th minute spot kick, after he was brought down by defender Paul Parker, gave the little Sicilian his sixth goal of the finals and the honour of being top scorer.

Baggio scored his second goal of the tournament in the 71st minute

Hostage may be released soon: Iran

DAMASCUS, July 7. (Agencies): Iran's official news agency and Middle East sources indicated today that a Western hostage held by pro-Iranian fundamentalist Muslim group in Lebanon may soon be freed.

The Iranian news agency did not identify which of the 15 Western hostages would be let go, but Damascus-based diplomatic sources said it would likely be Anglican church envoy Terry Waite, who was abducted in West Beirut on Jan 20, 1987, while attempting to negotiate the release of other hostages.

The sources said Waite's church had extended significant aid to the victims of last month's earthquake in Iran that killed an estimated 40,000 people.

The report could not be immediately confirmed.

The Iranian agency Iraen quoted well-informed sources in the Lebanese capital of Beirut as saying that a Western hostage would be released and that he probably would be a European.

Ten Europeans and six Americans are still being held in Beirut by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim groups that have demanded the release of Shiite prisoners held in Israel and other countries.

Sources confirmed the Iraen report, saying a Western hostage would likely be released.

"There are prospects that another Western hostage held in Lebanon would be soon released," a Damascus-based Iranian source told United Press International. "An announcement to this effect would probably

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Italy outlast England

LONDON, July 7. (Reuter): A leading Arabic newspaper said today that PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad would meet in Cairo this month to end their long rift.

The London-based Asharq Al Awsat said King Hussein of Jordan could also join the meeting in the second half of July.

It quoted Palestinian sources as saying Syria and the PLO understood it was important for them to come to terms after years of enmity.

Israel braces for a million influx

Sharon plans new homes; call for emergency jobs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 7. (Reuter): Housing Minister Ariel Sharon has predicted a million Soviet Jews will immigrate to Israel by the end of 1991 but local leaders say jobs and homes will be scarce.

"We know that within a year and a half the number of immigrants ... will come within a million people," Sharon told Israel television last night.

His estimate far exceeded more conservative Israeli forecasts of up to

"It will be a catastrophe," said Adi Eldar, mayor of the town Carmiel. He called for emergency measures for industry to create jobs.

Sharon said his ministry estimated that 7,000 apartments a month would have to be built by December to offset a severe housing shortage. Currently, the state builds 7,000 apartment a year.

He has asked the new right-wing government for emergency powers to build apartments and import prefabricated homes. Last week he received limited approval to circumvent legal procedures and put up 3,000 prefabricated homes.

Critics fear the move will result in zoning and land-use laws being put aside, creating insoluble environmental and social problems.

The rush of immigrants has sent housing prices soaring and put Israeli families out on the street. Tent encampments of homeless have sprung up in at least two places.

The Soviet Union informed Arab countries that its diplomats in the Zionist entity will visit Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to investigate if Israel was settling Soviet Jews there.

Diplomatic sources said today that the Soviet chargé d'affaires in Beirut had submitted to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry a statement issued by the Soviet Jews in the occupied Arab lands.

Head of the nationalities council of the Soviet parliament Rafiq Nishanov yesterday renewed Moscow's opposition to the re-settlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Nishanov, talking to Kuna on the sidelines of the Communist Party's 28th ongoing congress, said the Kremlin's latest proposal for a summit of Arab "frontline" states is designed to bring about a fair settlement of the Middle East conflict.

The Israeli airline El Al said yesterday it would not start trans-Atlantic flights of Soviet Jews from Finland next week as planned, a Finnish National Aviation Board official said. El Al had given no reason.

Secretary of State James Baker has invited new Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy to meet him soon, signalling the first high-level contact in more than four months between the two countries, the Foreign Ministry said.

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250,000 Soviet immigrants by the end of this year and a million immigrants within the next five years.

Sharon offered no explanation for the new figure, which would increase Israel's population by a quarter.

More than 50,000 Soviet Jews arrived in the first half of 1990.

Sharon said the Jewish state was in "a true emergency situation."

"If they will come to live here and have no jobs, they will run away,"

Menachem Ariav, mayor of the town Nazareth Illit, said in an interview with army radio.



Future assured

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev raises his hands on the fifth day of the Soviet Communist Party Congress. Gorbachev, his future as head of the Communist Party apparently assured, appealed to party's warring factions to work together to save the perestroika reforms. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Pakistan flays Indian decision

ISLAMABAD, July 7. (Reuter): Pakistan's top Foreign Ministry official today condemned India's decision to give police and army troops sweeping powers to quell a separatist revolt in Kashmir.

Foreign Secretary Tunvir Ahmed Khan said New Delhi's decision to impose "even stricter and more draconian measures, such as shoot-to-kill orders" would give fresh impetus to the spiral of violence in Kashmir.

But he told Reuters he still planned to attend confidence-building talks with his Indian counterpart on July 18 and 19 in Islamabad. "The talks will go on as scheduled."

Khan said he remained hopeful about the meeting, proposed by Pakistan, but India's insistence that Kashmir is a purely internal issue did not look promising.

"The tension is now lower than it was a month ago, but it is still not low enough. We would like to see it much lower," Khan said. Huge numbers of Indian troops in Punjab state bordering on Pakistan continued to worry Islamabad, he added.

"Kashmir, and massive concentrations of Indian troops in the northern Punjab, are the main sources of tension," he said.

He denied charges repeated by India yesterday that Islamabad

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Troops kill 62 Tamil rebels

Trincomalee recaptured

COLOMBO, July 7. (Agencies): Government troops have regained control of a port in northern Sri Lanka after a month of heavy fighting, including recent clashes that left 62 rebels dead, military officials said today.

The official said Ranjan Wijeratne, minister of state for defence, visited the strategic port of Trincomalee today, following clashes between security forces and Tamil rebels.

Rebel fighters of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had controlled Trincomalee, 190 miles (305 kms) northeast of Colombo, and other vital areas in Sri Lanka's northern and eastern provinces.

But after nearly a month of heavy fighting, military officials claimed to have regained control in some areas.

"We have captured most areas of the Trincomalee district," said a senior military official. "There is about 40 per cent more to clear."

Wijeratne, accompanied by

the commanders of the Sri Lankan army, navy and air force, toured Trincomalee and Kinna.

The officials also visited the coastal town of Mutur, just 15 miles (24 km) south of Trincomalee, where last night three boats carrying 30 guerrillas.

The military official said the rebels were attempting to escape at the time of the attack.

"We ordered them to stop," the official said. "But they would not obey our orders. We had to open fire, destroying the boats with the rebels."

The navy has deployed about 75 per cent of its rebels in the eastern province to cut off rebel escape routes and to keep land forces supplied, the source said.

At least 32 other rebels were killed in five other clashes yesterday, the official said.

In a related development today, the government dissolved

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US expats seek congress lever

Citizens hold first conference in Paris

By Michael Mendenhall
Special to the Arab Times

IT has come as a shock to thousands of Americans living abroad that their children, not born in the USA, do not qualify for US citizenship. A tortuous American law requires American parents to have spent at least 5 years in the United States before the birth of their child (with two of those years after the age of 14) in order to be able to transmit their US citizenship.

Painful experiences of this

kind prompted the first world conference of US citizens abroad, which concluded at the ornate splendour of Mayor Jacques Chirac's residence in Paris, the Hotel de Ville, on July 6. A constant theme of the conference was that expatriate Americans do not get the treatment they deserve compared to other US citizens, and compared to the expatriates of other countries such as Japan and Germany. Key issues included citizenship, education, taxation, competitiveness. Each

issue was addressed by a panel in the presence of

Lanka



Getting ready

A Sri Lankan airship gunner loads ammunition in preparation for operations at a military base in Anuradhapura. (Reuter wirephoto)

Americans

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that the US government's attitude towards the education of American overseas children was "double trouble" since Uncle Sam spends virtually nothing on these children, and then taxes the educational allowances given to their parents. Dr Schopert asked for federal money for US students in US universities abroad.

In the opening speech on the problems of US businessmen James Fees asserted that US business competitiveness has declined. He cited the recent retreat of American banks from Europe. Fred Irvin of the Wall Street Journal incisively described the failings of US fiscal policy makers, demanding that they "get their house in order". George C. Calisch, representing the American Business Council in the Gulf, maintained that tax is a trade issue. The cost of American labour overseas is inflated by high US taxes, discouraging many US contractors, eliminating jobs and reducing exports. In this way the balance of payments has suffered and America's international competitors have benefited.

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the provincial councils in the north and east of the country and announced that it would hold elections at an unspecified date.

The elections are needed because the council seats were held by members of the Indian-backed Tamil People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, who fled the country when Indian peace-keeping troops withdrew in March.

The dissolution of the provincial councils also was a key demand of the Tigers during its negotiations with the government. But authorities deny they are offering the rebels a conciliatory gesture by attempting to have the councils dissolved.

Sri Lankan security forces have been battling the Tigers since June 12, when guerrillas simultaneously attacked four army camps in the eastern province.

Since then, at least 1,000 combatants and civilians have been killed in the fighting. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled their homes to escape the battles.

The Tigers are waging a struggle for an independent Tamil homeland in the North and East. They claim that the mostly-Hindu Tamils need a separate state because they are discriminated against by the nation's Sinhalese majority, which is mostly Buddhist.

Accordingly the commissioner of elections has been instructed to take appropriate action to hold fresh elections to the North-East provincial council of the country.

The communique further states that the governor of the North-East Provincial Council General Nalin Seneviratne, had communicated to Ranasinghe Premadasa that in March 1990 the Tamil People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) and the Tamil National Democratic Liberation Front (ENTLF) partners in the North-East Provincial Council had made a declaration purporting to create a separate state in the North-East of Sri Lanka calling it the free and sovereign democratic republic of Eelam.

The two organisations, had also refused to participate as members of the provincial council in any of its activities.

Meanwhile, sixty two Tamils of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were killed by Sri Lankan security forces yesterday in the island's eastern province alone, according to security reports from the province to the joint operations command in Colombo.

These reports said the forces were sweeping through LTTE bases in the province. Over 1,000 soldiers are involved in these operations most of whom are concentrating on what is described as the key jungle base of the LTTE in eastern Kallaparai. The forces are determined to capture the camp by Sunday, these reports said.

A report, reaching today the Foreign Ministry in Sri Lanka from India said that over 565 Tamil refugees families comprising 2,277 individuals including 800 children and 702 women have arrived in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu in India in 37 boats. Bringing the total to 7,100 refugees from Vavuniya and Talaimannar

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Fujimori favours Llosa's strategy

LIMA, Peru, July 7. (AP): President-elect Alberto Fujimori pleased bankers and businessmen in New York and Tokyo this week with his tough plan to pull Peru out of economic ills.

But selling the economic "shock" to Peruvians is likely to be much more difficult. Every day the congressional coalition needed to approve such a plan seems more unlikely.

Both the right and left "have hurriedly begun a battle for leadership of the opposition," said Mirko Lauer, a political commentator.

"The message is clear, and negative," Lauer said. "It is more profitable to oppose an inherently weak government than to help it overcome the crisis."

Fujimori beat novelist Mario Vargas Llosa by a landslide in June 10 runoff presidential elections.

Once a stout opponent of Vargas Llosa's free-market economic policies, Fujimori reversed himself after the election. He now strongly favours most elements of the novelist's economic shock programme.

Many economists believe a harsh economic adjustment is necessary in Peru. Inflation tops 2,000 percent a year. Four of five people lack steady work. A bloated state bureaucracy quickly soaks up scarce tax revenues. The government is bankrupt and has been selling gold bars to import food.

Pulling Peru out of its crisis will be a "titanic task," Fujimori said after his victory.

Last week Fujimori travelled to the United States and Japan to seek emergency economic aid. In New York he met with the heads of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

The meeting signalled an end to Peru's economic isolation, which began four years ago when centre-left president Alan García cut off payment on the country's \$20 billion foreign debt.

IMF president Michel Camdessus said the Fund would be willing to aid Peru once an approved adjustment plan is in place.

Fujimori needs a congressional majority to implement a tough adjustment programme. His Change 90 party, however, controls barely a sixth of the congressional seats.

Fujimori will have to form an alliance with either the right or the left to attain a majority. But his statements before and after the election may have made such an alliance very difficult to arrange.

Before the election, Fujimori waged a harsh anti-shock campaign. His populist rhetoric appealed to many poor people but angered Vargas Llosa supporters.

"It is clear that we cannot lend our programme to those who have vilified that programme, who sanitised that programme," said Fernando Relaunde, for two terms Peru's president and a Vargas Llosa ally.

Fujimori's post-election reversal has not satisfied the right, and it also cut him off from the left and centre-left.

Also, many of the small businessmen who provided important support for Fujimori oppose his plan to open up Peru's economy. The businessmen fear their products will not be able to compete with more efficiently made imported goods, analysts say.

Peruvians voted against an economic shock, wrote the magazine *Cambio*. "But now, as usual, it appears that this vote will be betrayed with the application of the very programme the people rejected."

Garcia also has made clear his opposition to any harsh adjustment programme. He has praised his own handling of the IMF.

Garcia's Aprista Party controls most of Peru's local governments and, along with the United Left coalition, most of the country's powerful labour unions.

Divisions within Fujimori's own party make his problems all the more grave.

Blacks march against unrest

Protest Natal factional fighting; demand peace

JOHANNESBURG, July 7. (AP): Thousands of African National Congress supporters marched in towns and cities across the country today to protest black factional fighting.

The fighting in Natal province has claimed thousands of lives.

Official permission was granted for about 20 peace marches planned by the ANC and its allies, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the United Democratic Front, to mark the end of a week of national protest against the violence.

Petitions protesting the violence were presented to authorities at various police stations throughout the country. But authorities refused applications for marches in five towns which have been the scenes of racial conflict and white right-wing activity in recent months.

The weeklong protest was aimed at drawing attention to four years of conflict in Natal between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha, a conservative Zulu party. More than 4,000 people have died in the violence, which the ANC claims is caused by Inkatha.

President FW de Klerk lifted most of the country's state of emergency last month, but he kept it in Natal because the violence was still unacceptable high in the region.

One of the towns where protesters were refused permission to march was Vereeniging, the scene of incidents of racial conflict and white right-wing activity in recent months.

A contingent of about 800 security force members were deployed to prevent the march.

About 5,000 black youths were stopped by police, the independent South African Press Association reported. The youths then gathered at the town's black township, Sebokeng, where several blacks were shot dead by police during a protest March 26.

The ANC claims the government has not taken firm steps to stop the fighting. The group has demanded that the government end the state of emergency in Natal and disband the police force of the KwaZulu Homeland. Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi heads the homeland.

Organisers of the protest said there could be no political settlement in South Africa until the Natal violence ended. They said the Natal crisis was an obstacle to a negotiated settlement to end white-minority rule.

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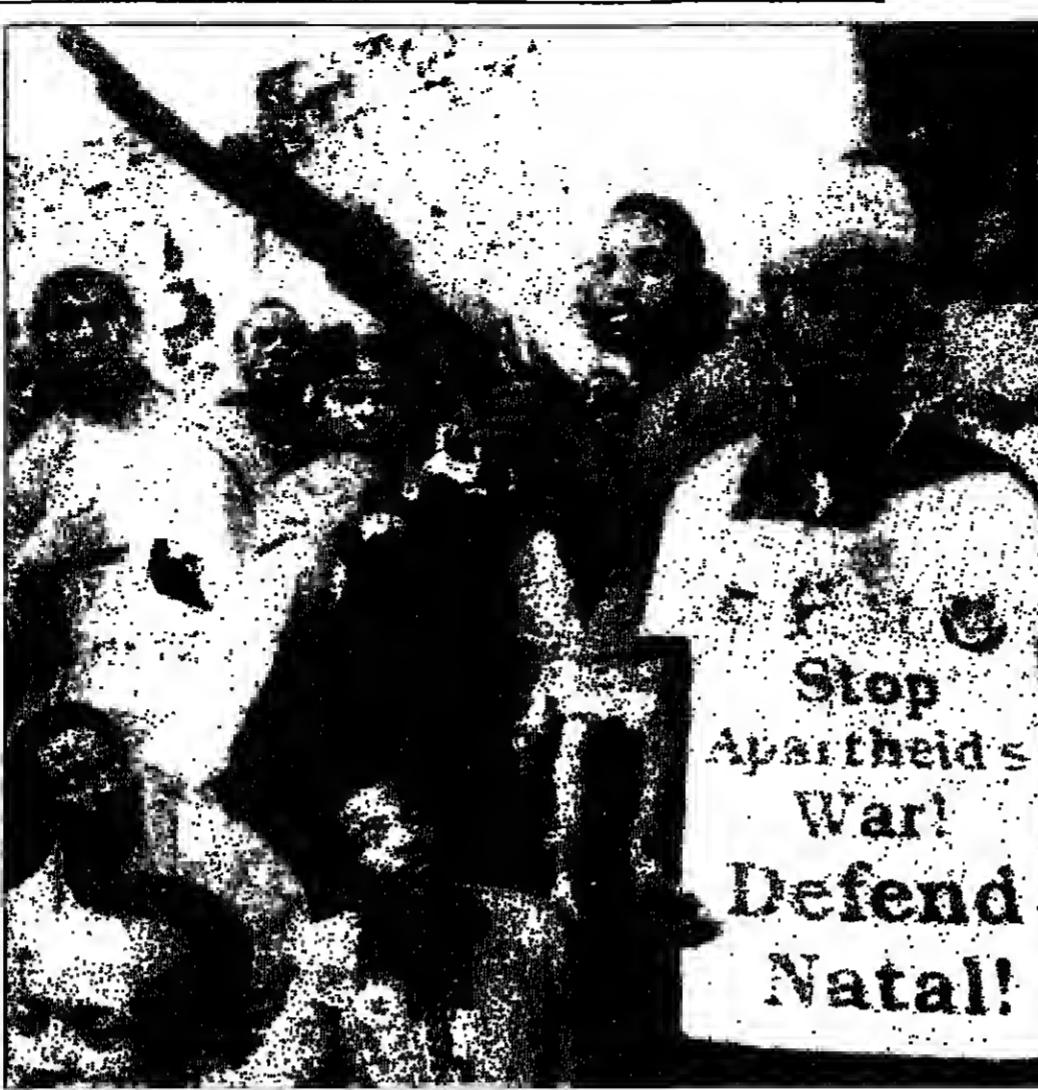
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Demonstration

Anti-apartheid protesters stage a demonstration outside a Johannesburg police station to demand that the South African government quell black on black violence in Natal. (Reuters wirephoto)

SA talks to resume July 18

Mandela names date in Kampala

KAMPALA, July 7 (Reuters): South African anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela said the African National Congress (ANC) and the government will resume talks on July 18.

The deputy president of the ANC named the date yesterday during a state dinner hosted by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. On July 18 Mandela will celebrate his 72nd birthday.

Mandela is on the last leg of a triumphant tour of North America, Europe and Africa.

Mandela, who first mentioned the date in Washington, said he expected the government to release all remaining political prisoners, but did not say when.

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Prospects for dismantling apartheid were better now than ever before, he added.

South African President FW de Klerk lifted a ban on the ANC in February and freed Mandela from a life sentence for plotting to overthrow white rule.

The ANC and the government have held preliminary talks but the ANC has said substantive talks could only begin after remaining political prisoners are freed and all exiles are allowed to return home.

Presidents Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique and Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, in Kampala for talks ahead of a summit of African leaders in Addis Ababa, also attended the dinner.

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Menem on the right course

Argentine president hopes to crown first year in office



Carlos Menem

BUENOS AIRES, July 7. (Reuters): President Carlos Menem, Argentina's number one sportsman, is hoping to crown his first year in office with a victory in the World Cup soccer final against West Germany tomorrow.

Since he was sworn in last July 8, Menem, 60, has had many ups and downs as manager Carlos Bilardo's squad on its shaky path to the final and he has come under just as much criticism.

He settled one of Argentina's most sensitive problems — the aftermath of the 1970s "dirty war" — by pardoning guerrillas and servicemen jailed for human rights abuses during the 1976-83 military dictatorship's crackdown on leftist rebels and political dissidents.

He led Argentina back into the mainstream of international politics by instigating the renewal of diplomatic links with Britain, shattered by the 1982 Falklands war.

Despite protests from the old guard in his union-based Peronist Party, whose previous governments created a mammoth public sector, he doggedly attacked profligate spending to curb inflation, the country's persistent curse.

Menem's privatisation programme is now in full swing.

Sixty percent of Argentina's inefficient and outdated telephone system was auctioned on June 25 to Spain's Telefónica and the US Bell Atlantic Corp which jointly paid \$214 million in cash and cancelled \$5 billion of the country's \$66 billion foreign debt certificates.

Parts of the rail and road systems and government businesses, oilfields and property will be sold to the private sector in coming months.

But the past year has been anything but easy sailing, despite Menem's repeated claim: "We are on the right course."

A run on the currency and an outburst of hyperinflation at the turn of the year threatened a return to the economic chaos which forced his predecessor, Raúl Alfonsín, to quit five months before his six-year term was up.

In a last-ditch effort, Menem imposed the toughest economic programme Argentina has seen, confiscating private savings, raising taxes and utility charges and slashing government spending.

For the first time in recent history, the government's books were brought into balance and the free-floating currency was stabilised against the US dollar.

While combating Argentina's formidable economic and political problems, Menem met trouble at home. Last month he banned his wife Zulema Yoma from their official residence.

Like his wife a descendant of Syrian immigrants, he blacklisted Yoma after she called news conferences at the presidential residence to lambast his policies and his aides.

The Menems have separated many times during their 24-year marriage, which has produced two children — Carlos Jr., 21, a motor rally driver, and Zulema Eva, 19, a law student.

Businessmen and economists say more economic trouble is ahead. The cost of living is rising by 10 to 15 percent a month and there are hardly any signs of an economic recovery.

Liberia rebels tighten noose

Renewed peace talks stalled

MONROVIA, Liberia, July 7. (AP): Rebels have tightened their noose on the capital, attacking the port near the fortified mansion of besieged Liberian President Samuel K. Doe.

"Don't die for Doe," rebels only two miles from the executive beachfront enclave urged demoralised government troops yesterday. Many soldiers were abandoning their posts.

Meanwhile, renewed talks to end the 6-month-old civil war in this West African nation stalled yesterday because a rebel delegation had not reached the negotiating site in neighbouring Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Doe, who seized power in a bloody coup in 1980, was holed up in his mansion with troops who have remained loyal. His top commanders and advisers fled last week.

The rebels led by Charles Taylor, a former Doe aide, accuse the government of corruption and human rights abuses.

Automatic rifle fire and artillery blasts echoed across the capital from dawn until noon yesterday, and plumes of smoke from explosions rose from the city outskirts.

A rebel fishing trawler fired at a coast guard cutter above five miles (eight kilometers) offshore, and a cannon from Doe's mansion fired two shells into the ocean to deter rebel boats. Witnesses said the rebels withdrew from the port later in the day.

The United States supplied water to the president's mansion under heavy guard by US marines. Four American vehicles escorted a water tanker to the mansion early last morning, a witness said.

In Abidjan, the capital of neighbouring Ivory Coast, diplomatic sources said Doe had asked the United States to ferry him and 100 troops to his home region of Grand Gedeh county. The United States refused the request, which would have enabled Doe to continue the war, the sources said.

A senior US government source in Washington said Doe had mentioned a desire to visit his home region, but did not ask for assistance to get there.

The United States has offered to help Doe leave Liberia, a condition set by rebels before they will accept a ceasefire. Doe reportedly has offered to resign on condition his safety and that of his fellow Krahn is guaranteed.

Much of the civil war fighting has pitted Liberia's ethnic groups — Krahn, Mandingos, Gios, Manos and descendants of the American slaves who founded the country — against each other.

Peace force

A senior rebel official, based in the United States, rejected a reported plan for the six West African nations that were leading the negotiations to send a peacekeeping force to Liberia to oversee new elections.

But the rebel official, Tom Woeyoo, said he would go to Freetown for the talks.

Diplomatic sources in the Sierra Leone said yesterday several West African countries were discussing the possible creation of a military force to intervene in Liberia if regional efforts to broker a peace settlement failed.

The sources also said the 16-nation Economic Community for West African States (Ecowas) is working on a US-backed peace plan for an interim government.

Locating

Soldiers continued to loot in Monrovia under cover of a dusk-to-dawn curfew, but residents said the looting was less widespread than during the previous night.

Many of the city's 500,000 residents searched for food and carried buckets of water from rapidly depleting wells.

Monrovia has been without water for nine days and without electricity for one week. Most shops and markets have been closed all week, and some people have been begging for food or collecting leaves to eat.

The rebels began attacking the capital on Monday, but their progress has been slow.

Rebel sources in Ivory Coast said 4,500 more troops joined the original assault contingent of 800 men Wednesday night, but the insurgents failed to live up to their claim that they could take Monrovia in 12 hours.

The rebels invaded Doe 24 from the Ivory Coast. Doe's forces then killed hundreds of civilian Gios and Manos, seen as the main support base for the rebels.

The Collor government can be accused of almost anything in these first 100 days except indolence, sluggishness or monotony," the newspaper O Estado De São Paulo said in an editorial called "a hundred days that shook the country."

Collor's style appealed to the poor majority of Brazilians, who provided his main election support.

He personally checked prices at a supermarket and opened a \$100 bank account to encourage saving. He tested an army tank, flew an F-5E jet fighter, toured a remote Amazonian Indian reservation in combat fatigues, spent weekends riding jet-skis and motorcycles, jogging, bicycling and kayaking.

A poll in May gave him a 74 percent approval rating.



Bomb blast

A bomb exploded on Friday at a crowded bus terminal in Johannesburg used by blacks, injuring 27 people in what appeared to be the work of white right-wing extremists, authorities said.

The bombing was the sixth in seven days in Johannesburg. White extremists claimed responsibility for the previous blasts, but there was no such claim following Friday's explosion.

The African National Congress, said ultra-right and neo-Nazi forces "are on the rampage" and demanded the government disarm and disband them.

The bomb went off during the morning rush hour in the downtown terminal.

Thousands of blacks from townships outside Johannesburg pass through the area every day.

A policeman carries an injured woman away from the terminal. (Reuters wirephoto)

Riots in Nairobi

Protest to scrap one-party rule

NAIROBI, July 7 (Reuters): Kenyan riot police used tear gas and clubs to break up a violent demonstration by thousands of anti-government protesters today.

A Reuter photographer saw

CO₂ will disrupt farming: Bazzaz

WASHINGTON, July 7. (Kuna): While most scientists debate the "greenhouse effect" (the global warming accompanying the depletion of the Earth's protective ozone layer), Iraqi-born biologist Fakhri Bazzaz worries that CO₂ and other gases will disrupt world agriculture even without a big temperature rise.

Bazzaz, professor of science at Harvard University, stated his theories in an interview with Kuna.

The 57-year-old scientist's work is "mostly on the experimental side; mostly on the direct effects of carbon dioxide and temperature rise on ecosystems."

Bazzaz is wary of "worst-case" global heating scenarios some of his colleagues warn of, but when pressed states them this way:

"(Scenarios) predict a rise in mean annual temperature of about 4-5 degrees Celsius, it would mean a whole lot of things to agriculture, to forestry, to natural ecosystems, to people living and so on."

Temperatures

"Probably one of the more critical issues is the business of the sea level rise." If temperatures rise as much as some scientific models forecast, Bazzaz related, "you will get quite a bit of rise in sea levels, possibly having a devastating effect since many of the world's major cities are located near oceans and seas."

He cited poverty-wracked Bangladesh, already plagued with enormous flooding. "Raise the sea-level and increase the rainfall and it would be a total disaster."

Bazzaz apparently falls somewhere between the alarmists and those who see little harm at all in the anticipated temperature rise — often attributed to chemicals like those released by aerosols and air-conditioners.

Of the second category, he argues, "the other group that says there will be no (ill) effect from the temperature rise are incorrect, because of the logic of the simple physics of it."

On his specific contribution to the debate, now a hot topic in the scientific community, Bazzaz explained, "something that has not been emphasized enough is the direct effects on plants" and agriculture generally of elevated CO₂.

Rising
He said regardless of how much temperatures rise, "you cannot have a debate on carbon dioxide (CO₂). It is rising, it's been measured; it is not simply predicted. We need to emphasize that."

CO₂ increases may allow plants to thrive or expand into areas where formally they could not grow, Bazzaz explained. They may also involve the highly beneficial side-effect of using less water.

But the Arab scientist added a possible downside for the increased plant growth may be a similar explosion of undesirable species like weeds.

Also, even though many farmers would welcome the additional crop yields and production, more chemical fertilizers, herbicides and "other biocides" may be needed to kill insect pests, he said. And he stressed that some of these might be dangerous to humans and that controls for the substances' safe use are likely inadequate.

Emissions

On the other hand, Bazzaz pointed out that the "CO₂, fertilization effect" as it has been dubbed, may not take place because of the unknown interaction of a host of variables like availability of certain nutrients, light and water.

Bazzaz is among those who call for urgent attention by the US government and private industry here and abroad to cut back on harmful, CO₂-laden auto emissions (from fossil fuels) and to stem the destruction of forests by such heavily rainforested nations as Brazil.

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Japan threatens to quit whaling commission

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, July 7. (AP): Japan threatened yesterday to pull out of the international whaling commission after its proposal to end a ban on commercial whaling were overwhelmingly defeated.

The International Whaling Commission on Thursday night upheld a 1986 moratorium on all commercial whale hunting by more than a two-thirds majority.

Japan, along with Norway and Iceland, had wanted the Minke whale

excluded from the ban, claiming the Minke, smallest of the commercially sought whales, was no longer in danger of extinction.

The IWC also voted yesterday to begin surveying the world's dolphin and porpoise populations, which have increasingly become the prey of whale fishermen deprived of their customary catch by the four-year ban.

"The Japanese are going to give it another year at least to see if the group will accept" its proposals for limited

commercial whaling of the Minke whale, said Alan MacNow, spokesman for the Japanese delegation.

"If not, the delegation will recommend to their government that they form another Iwhaling organisation," MacNow told the Associated Press.

MacNow said the Japanese held talks with the Norwegian and Icelandic delegations about a possible new whaling commission.

Gudmundur Eiriksson, the Icelandic delegation leader, accused the commis-

sion of allowing politics to pervade its decisions, but said his country would not disrupt plans to host next year's IWC meeting in Reykjavik.

"This is something they've been saying for a number of years. Now it's a question of how seriously the other nations are going to take it," an IWC official said, speaking anonymously in accord with IWC guidelines.

The IWC refusal to lift the ban in effect continues it for another year until the next meeting of the group in

Iceland.

"A group of nations voted as a like-minded bloc and (for their advice) relied on a minority of scientists that are mostly affiliated with anti-whaling organisations," MacNow claimed.

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The organisation has no enforcement powers. Compliance with the ban is voluntary among members.

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Investigators search the site of a blast which killed at least 17 workers at an Atlantic Richfield Petrochemical plant in Houston on Thursday. The blast broke windows several miles away from the plant and sent flames hundreds of feet in the air (Reuters wirephoto)

Chemical plant blast kills 17

'Looks like a rocket just took off'

CHANNELVIEW, Texas, July 7. (AP): An explosion and fire ripped through a section of a chemical plant "like a rocket just took off," killing 17 workers, authorities and witnesses said.

The explosion occurred late Thursday as crews were cleaning waste tanks at the Arco Chemical Co. plant in this Houston suburb. The 564-acre (235-hectare) complex employs about 350 people.

Five workers were injured.

"We're in the process of recovering the victims from the fire," Richard Bailey, chief investigator for the Harris County sheriff's

department arson division, said at midday. "It looks like a bomb went off in there."

Plant manager Earl McCaleb, his voice breaking, called the explosion and fire "a terrible tragedy" and "an overwhelming sadness; the loss of friends and co-workers."

Officials said they believed they had accounted for all of the missing. Earlier, officials had said there were 15 confirmed dead and one missing; there was no immediate explanation on why the death toll then jumped up by two.

Arco said four people were treated for minor injuries and released and one person was hospitalized, but could not give further details. None of the victims was immediately identified.

McCaleb said the blaze was not extinguished until more than four hours after the explosion.

The blast occurred in a utility area, a remote section that provides cooling, water and steam for plant operations. The explosion involved two tanks containing wastewater and some hydrocarbons, McCaleb said.

Officials said there was an unusually large number of people in the area of the plant complex because crews were cleaning the tanks.

Authorities had not determined a cause for the explosion. US Assistant Secretary of Labour Gerard F. Scannel was en route to Houston last morning, the Labour Department said.

"I seen a big flash cross in front of my eyes. I looked over to my left and I saw a big ball of fire... it looked like a like a tank run off, you know, like a rocket just took off," Mike Zugel, a truck driver who witnessed the explosion, told Cable News Network.

"The area is roughly about a city block," said Jack Johnson, president of Philadelphia-based Arco Chemical of North America. "It's pretty obvious the explosion at the tank was devastating to that particular portion of the plant."

The blast is the second major loss of life at a Houston-area petrochemical plant in the past nine months. On Oct. 23, a Phillips Petroleum Co. plastics plant in nearby Pasadena was hit by series of explosions that killed 23 workers and injured 130.

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New hope for blacks

Hypertension

CHICAGO, July 7. (AP): A new drug has been found highly successful in treating high-blood pressure among American blacks, researchers say.

High blood pressure, or hypertension, affects one in three black adults in the United States. Most are treated with diuretics, which lower salt and water levels in the body, but have side effects that can include increased blood cholesterol and sugar. Researchers at the University of Maryland Medical Centre in Baltimore said they tested three relatively new drugs and found that one of them, Verapamil, was highly successful in treating the disorder among blacks.

The study included 394 black men and women with mild to moderate hypertension. Neither the patients nor their doctors were told which drug they were randomly assigned to take.

Overall, the researchers said, 73 per cent of the patients responded positively to Verapamil, sold under the trade name Calan in the United States. The other drugs, Atenolol and Captopril, had 60 per cent and 57 per cent effectiveness.

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Woman testifies she sold Barry crack 25 times

Islamic leader Farrakhan, Bishop Stallings allowed to attend trial

WASHINGTON, July 7. (AP): A self-described cocaine addict testified yesterday that she supplied crack cocaine to Washington Mayor Marion Barry "about 25 times" and lent him her home for drug-smoking trysts.

Lydia Pearson, testifying with immunity from prosecution, said Barry would usually phone ahead from his official limousine to say he was coming.

"I would let him in the house," she said. "I would give him a bag and he gave me money."

She usually sold Barry three \$30 bags, Pearson said.

"He would give me \$100, a lot of times he would give me the \$10 change," she said.

"What did you do with the change?" asked assistant US attorney Richard Roberts asked.

"Buy some crack," said the witness, who described herself as a recovering drug addict.

Pearson's testimony supported statements by Rasheeda Moore, the former model who took part in the FBI sting operation last Jan. 18 that resulted in Barry's arrest. Moore testified earlier in the trial she and Barry used drugs more

than 100 times, and that she got cocaine from Pearson for the mayor.

Pearson said she never saw Barry using drugs.

Barry, 54, is facing trial on 10 counts of cocaine possession, one count of conspiracy and three felony charges of perjury.

In another development, US District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson reversed his earlier ruling and said Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and Bishop George Stallings may attend the trial as long as they "observe the proprieties of the court."

An FBI laboratory technician testified that after Barry's arrest, his blood showed an alcohol content of only .005 per cent, one-twentieth of the legal standard for intoxication.

Jackson reversed himself after an appeals court said spectators cannot be barred merely because they advocate a particular political or religious point of view.

In other testimony, Barry's lawyers sought to cast doubt on the FBI's physical evidence, including laboratory tests and the pipe taken from the hotel room after Barry's arrest.

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Canyon threatened

Man-versus-nature showdown

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Arizona, July 7. (AP): From the air and from the water, the urban thirst for electricity is encroaching on one of the great natural wonders of the world.

Mighty as it is, the National Park Service says, the Grand Canyon is in distress.

The Grand Canyon, up to a mile (1.6 kms) deep and 10 miles (16 kms) wide, stretches for some 200 miles (320 kms) through arid northern Arizona. Its trails, its white-water rafting and its imposing vistas of purple, red and brown rock formations make it one of America's most popular vacation spots.

But about 80 miles (130 kms) away, a huge coal-burning power plant belches 12.5 tons (11.2 metric tons) of sulfur dioxide each hour because it doesn't have pollution-grubbing scrubbers on its three skyscraper-tall

smokestacks.

It is said to mix with the smog from the intensely polluted Los Angeles megalopolis some 250 miles (400 kms) to the west.

To the northeast, Colorado River water races through turbines in a dam during the day to meet peak demand for electricity in cities hundreds of miles (kms) away. When the demand falls at night, the river flow is cut, creating destructive "tides" downstream.

Experience

At issue is the quality of experience for visitors and what cost utility customers might have to pay to preserve a view or save a beach. All this comes at a time when the Grand Canyon is hosting record crowds — up to 4 million people this year, a 33-per cent increase from five years ago. The crowds are taxing services and even raising concerns that access might have to be limited.

On some days, a blue haze in the Canyon dulls the view and occasionally obscures the opposite rim.

The daily rise and fall of river water, sometimes spanning 13 feet (4 metres), harms fish spawning grounds and erodes beaches where rafters rest and take refuge from the often-broiling heat.

"The Grand Canyon is threatened," said Jim Ruch, vice-president of the Grand Canyon Trust, a conservation group. "It is threatened by an accumulation of actions that were taken with good intentions but with little understanding for their consequences."

Added former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt: "When you can't see across the Canyon because of smog, it's as if the last symbol of the pristine west has gone the way of Los Angeles."

At the centre of the Canyon's woes are two power plants that generate some of the cheapest electricity in the western part of the country. The Navajo generating station at the northeast end of the Canyon and the 27-year-old Glen Canyon dam.

Plants

What makes this man-versus-nature showdown unique is that the troublesome plants aren't blamed for health problems, only for souring the quality of experience for visitors to the Grand Canyon.

The Environmental Protection Agency concluded last year that the Navajo generating station contributes up to 70 per cent of the Canyon's haze pollution, usually worst during the winter. The EPA must decide by Feb 1 whether to order the plant's owners to install scrubbers to reduce emissions by 90 per cent.

Cost estimate: \$500 million for the scrubbers, and \$3.9 billion to operate and maintain them over 30 years.

If scrubbers are ordered, it would make the first time the EPA took action solely to protect a view: there is no immediate health danger from the smog at the canyon.

A lawsuit filed in 1982 by the Environmental Defence Fund forced the EPA to take action. After a tracer chemical placed in the smokestack emissions at the Navajo generating station turned up at monitoring stations in the Canyon, the EPA issued its findings.

"That was enough to point the finger," said Polly Hays, a Park Service scientist.

Pollution



Singing together

Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti chats with Spanish tenors Jose Carreras (left) and Placido Domingo (centre) during a rehearsal for World Cup

charity performance. They will be singing together for the first time. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mind your own affairs

China warns seven industrialised powers

BEIJING, July 7. (AP): Chinese Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin warned the seven industrialised powers against interfering in China's internal affairs during their summit next week.

He said the group of seven should "confine themselves to discussion of economic and other issues among themselves," according to a paraphrase by the official Xinhua news agency.

The wire service dispatch of Jiang's interview yesterday with Noboru Watanabe, president of the Japanese Mainichi newspaper group, was released early today.

"Some Western countries are very unwise to have imposed economic sanctions on China, as this will bring about no positive result but will, instead, arouse the Chinese people's resentment," Jiang said.

Many ordinary Chinese initially welcomed the sanctions, saying the government should be punished in some way for killing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people to crush the democracy movement. However, there have been more calls recently for lifting of the sanctions, which some say are beginning to hurt the Chinese people directly.

Japan, the only Asian member of the group of seven, already has eased its ban on loans to China, granting two loans earlier this week for \$1.6 million to be used to improve drinking water.

However, talks on a five-year, \$5.2 billion loan package, broken off last year, have not resumed.

Japan's action reflects a general softening toward China following the lifting of martial law in Beijing in January, the release of nearly 900 people arrested for joining the democracy movement and the release of astrophysicist and dissident Fang Lizhi last month from hiding in the US embassy in Beijing.

"If (the Western nations) interfere in the affairs of other countries, I am afraid that would not be proper," Jiang said.

His remarks contrasted with a Foreign Ministry statement last week urging the group of seven to "take timely, positive steps by seizing the opportunity to improve relations with China."

Jiang also said former party chief Zhao, who has not been seen in public for more than 13 months, remains a party member and "no change has been made in his treatment in terms of material well-being."

China has not strayed from the path of reform and is trying to expand co-operation with foreign countries, Premier Li Peng said yesterday.

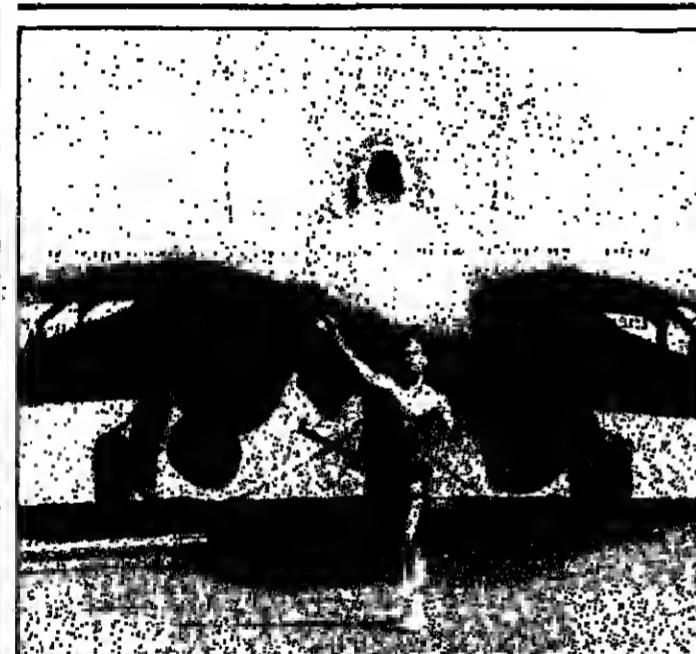
He told former French Prime Minister Raymond Barre, who is visiting China that Beijing welcomed co-operation with foreign states.

"Our reform is constantly deepening with its content enriched all the time," Li was quoted as saying by the official New China News Agency.

China is willing to develop co-operation in diversified forms with all countries, including France."

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Playful officer

An officer on the flight deck of the US aircraft carrier Carl Vinson plays football with a shipmate in front of a F-14 Tomcat fighter jet on Friday. The aircraft carrier is part of a group of US Pacific Fleet warships currently visiting Hong Kong. (Reuter wirephoto)

Singapore base access for US

Talks next week on accord

WASHINGTON, July 7. (AP): The United States will hold a new round of talks next week on a proposed defence agreement with Singapore that would allow US access to military facilities there, the Defense Department said yesterday.

The accord, which has been in the works since early this year, would not give the United States its own military base in Singapore, said Lt. Cmdr. Edward H. Lundquist, a department spokesman.

He said no US planes or ships would be based there permanently. If the deal is concluded, the US F-16 fighter planes would be allowed to conduct occasional training missions in Singapore, navy ships could use Singapore's strategically located port, and a small contingent of US military personnel — probably fewer than 200 — would be housed there to help maintain the facilities, Lundquist said.

The Los Angeles Times reported yesterday that it was possible that a final agreement would be signed when Secretary of State James Baker visits Singapore in August.

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HK, Hanoi agree on refugees to be repatriated

HONG KONG, July 7. (Reuter): Hong Kong said today it had agreed with Hanoi on a list of "several hundred" Vietnamese boat people who had not volunteered for repatriation but were to be sent home from camps in the British colony.

"We have submitted a list of several hundred screened-out people for repatriation. I can't remember how many," Alastair Asprey, Hong Kong secretary for security, said.

"The Vietnamese (officials) have indicated they will accept their repatriation," he said in a radio interview.

Since June 1988, Hong Kong has screened all arriving boat people, dividing genuine political refugees, eligible

for resettlement overseas, from those termed economic migrants, who the government says must return to Vietnam.

Aid workers and diplomats said the new agreement was an attempt by Hong Kong to circumvent strong opposition from Washington and Hanoi to the concept of forced repatriation. It provided a less controversial form of deportation for those boat people who, although they did not want to return, would not resist repatriation.

"There are now very strong signs of some kind of breakthrough," said one Western diplomat in Hong Kong who follows the boat people issue.

Bush accused of rights double standards

NEW YORK, July 7. (Reuter): Dissident Chinese scientist Fang Lizhi called on President George Bush yesterday to push China to become more democratic without isolating it and accused him of using double standards on human rights, two American television stations reported.

Fang's younger son had just arrived to join the family in England and the scientist apparently free to speak out, CBS said during a televised interview from London.

The astrophysicist and his physicist wife took refuge in the US embassy in Beijing after the Chinese army crushed student-led pro-democracy protests in June last year. They were expected to stay in Britain, where they arrived in June, until they leave for the United States in the coming months.

"First, I say thanks for his (Bush's) hospitality last year. But I also want to say he should be concerned with the human rights situation in China ... special sanctions to push China to go to more freedom, more democracy," Fang told the CBS interviewer.

Interpreter

Through an interpreter, he added in an NBC interview: "Principally, of course, I think that it's right that we do not isolate China altogether. China is on its way towards the world at the moment. We shall therefore push them forward towards being in the world."

Asked if Bush was using the same human rights standards for the Soviet Union as for China, he told CBS, "sometimes we call as such the double standard, but this is a very common problem."

He urged the United States to remember the thousands who were jailed after the killings of pro-democracy students in Tiananmen Square and be predicted that China would be changed in fewer than 10 years.

Common German elections would be held in December and the two countries would formally merge a day later.

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Gorbachev shows mastery

Congress delegates pressured to reverse their plans to evaluate each politburo member

MOSCOW, July 7, (Agencies): President Mikhail S. Gorbachev angrily pressured Communist Party delegates today to reverse their plans to evaluate each member of the ruling politburo, warning them the move could "bury the party."

The move showed the Soviet leader's mastery of the delegates and his personal influence despite rampant criticism of his policies during the party's critical congress, which entered its sixth day today.

"If you want to bury the party, to split the party, then continue on this way," he warned. "But think hard."

The delegates voted 2,557-1,393 today to give themselves a chance to voice their appraisal of each member of the 12-member ruling politburo. But after a short break, Gorbachev took the podium to criticise the proposal, and the congress backed down on the idea on a vote of 2,495-1,515.

The evaluations would have had no actual force, because the congress chooses a new central committee

which would have selected a new politburo anyway. But it clearly would have left a mark on each man's career.

Gorbachev cited a note from the party delegation from the northern city of Arkhangelsk that said: "There is no need to evaluate each politburo member. The politburo, according to the rules, is an organ of the leadership, and the leadership is collective."

Instead, the congress agreed to make an evaluation of the work of the policy-making central committee, and within it the politburo as a whole.

Evaluating each politburo member separately would have broken decades of tradition of regarding it as a collective entity. The idea brought criticism in the corridors of the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses from liberal delegates.

"Our Russian thirst for blood is showing," said Irina Dementyeva, a Moscow delegate. "It's stupid and ugly and inhuman."

But other party members said they backed the decision because it would let future leaders know that they couldn't hide behind "collective responsibility."

"Collective responsibility is no responsibility," said a Byelorussian delegate who identified himself only as Alexander. "And there should be a full renewal of the leadership."

Delegates and reporters standing just outside the Palace of Congresses said Gorbachev looked extremely angry when he exited just after the vote, taken just as the morning session broke for lunch. On previous days he has stopped to talk with bystanders near the building's entrance, but today he swept right to his car.

Congress members said they had expected at least half the politburo members to get the thumbs down. Names singled out as most likely to get negative votes were ideology chief Václav A. Medvedev, whom many criticise as ineffective, and Alexander N. Yakovlev, who is considered the most liberal member of the politburo and has remained unapologetic for his views before the largely conservative congress.

Yakovlev and several other members already have said they plan to retire from the politburo, and Medvedev indicated during a speech today he, too, would be happy to retire and let "younger, more energetic, more strong-willed people" take over.

Nonetheless, the name-by-name voting likely would have burt Gorbachev's position by discrediting some of his allies and helping his rival, Yegor K. Ligachev, who enjoys wide popularity at the congress, delegates said.

"Now there could even be the variant that Ligachev will come to power," said Anatoly Tsygankin, a Moscow delegate who called himself a centrist. "It's very worrying."

The congress had been expected to begin nominating candidates for its top post today, but its schedule was fluid, and by mid-afternoon it appeared nominations would come by the end of the day.

Delegates said there did not appear to be any serious challenge to Gorbachev as party leader.

"At present, we do not have outstanding leaders except Mikhail Gorbachev in the party," said Leningrad party chief Boris Gidaspov.

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World News Roundup

Asia

Worsening relations: A senior Soviet official spoke on Friday of growing disagreements between the Soviet Union and hardline North Korea in the latest sign that relations between the two long-time allies are worsening.

Valentin Falin, in charge of the foreign affairs section of the Communist Party's policy-making central committee, told a news conference that both sides were entitled to express their own point of view.

"We can either agree or disagree. Recently, we've been disagreeing more often," he said.

President Mikhail Gorbachev met South Korean President Roh Tae-woo last month for talks which Pyongyang publicly denounced as traitorous. (Reuters)

Pyongyang marks 'versary: North Korea marked the 29th anniversary of its alliance with the Soviet Union with an appeal to "reactionaries." Pyongyang's official media said Friday.

The Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said Vice-Premier Kim Bok Shin made the appeal at a reception given at the Soviet embassy in Pyongyang Thursday on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the Soviet Union-North Korea treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance.

The treaty is a communist version of a mutual security pact, according to Radio Press, a private Japanese agency monitoring communist broadcasts. (AP)

Java quake, 1 dead: One villager died and 11 others were injured when a moderate earthquake jolted west Java, officials said Saturday.

The quake measured 5.2 on the Richter scale and was centred in a mountainous area of Majalengka, about 300 kilometres (190 miles) southeast of Jakarta, said Sutarjo, a meteorology official in Jakarta. It hit Friday at 7:17 am (0001 GMT), he said. (AP)

10 more die in Jiangxi flooding: Flooding from heavy rains has resulted in 10 more deaths in eastern China's Jiangxi province, increasing the death toll this summer to at least 400, an official report said.

Two days of rain early this week in northern and central Jiangxi flooded 400 homes and caused a mudslide, China News Service reported Friday. The dispatch was seen in Beijing on Saturday. (AP)

Use more firebombs: Seoul police said Friday that 383 policemen have been injured and 32 vehicles destroyed by firebombs so far since early last July, despite new law to punish people using the devices.

Police said anti-government demonstrators used about 260,000 firebombs during the same period and attacked 235 government and other facilities with firebombs. (AP)

Longevity name change: Longevity—the name of Taiwan's best-selling cigarette—will have a shortened lifespan.

The government is demanding that the name be changed, arguing it amounts to misleading advertising.

"We all know that smoking will reduce one's lifespan, rather than increase it," Vice Health Minister Lee Ti-yuan said Friday. (AP)

Midway is nuclear capable: Greenpeace has obtained four official documents showing the Japan-based US naval carrier Midway can carry nuclear weapons, the international environmental group said on Saturday.

According to the documents, three officers are in charge of nuclear weapons aboard the carrier during peace time and 33 more men will be assigned to handle the weapons in battle, Greenpeace said in a statement. (Reuters)

Malaysia-Vietnam trade: A Malaysian trade commissioner will be stationed in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to facilitate bilateral trade between Malaysia and Vietnam, Deputy Trade and Industry Minister Kok Wee Kit said Friday.

He said the move by the ministry was agreed to by Deputy Prime Minister Ghafur Baba last Thursday.

Malaysia-Vietnam trade last year amounted to \$1 billion representing 0.1 percent of the total volume of Malaysia's international trade for that year, he told newsmen after receiving the visiting vice-chairman of the Vietnamese council of ministers, Gen. (Indr) Vo Nguyen Giap at the Malaysian Export Trade Centre (Metc) here. (Kun)

Gnomes find a new home: The garden gnome, rejected by Australians as too kitsch, has found a new home in Japan.

Dr. Ryo Matsushita has turned a Japanese yen for the chunky little concrete dwarfs into a healthy profit turnover for his south Australian company Gnomes Pty Ltd.

"They're reconsidered to be kitsch here in Australia but the Japanese seem to love them," Matsushita told Reuters on Friday.

Concrete began selling gnomes to Japan in 1987 after a Japanese furniture buyer saw a range of its products at a garden centre in Melbourne. (Reuters)

Africa

Scores arraigned in Zambia: Scores of people accused of complicity in Zambia's civil unrest were arraigned Friday in preparation for trial later this month, authorities said.

Heavily armed police and troops escorted trucks carrying prisoners to the main courthouse in the capital, Lusaka.

Most prisoners arrested in Zambia's civil unrest have been held for several days under armed guard at a suburban police camp and a sports stadium.

Officials said those arraigned were asked to plead either innocent or guilty to charges arising from five days of rioting and looting that left at least 26 people dead and 124 injured.

Authorities said their trials would be held later in the month.

The government said more than 1,000 people were arrested for violating a curfew imposed on the second day of unrest. (AP)

Redjimbe laid to rest: Everything was peaceful Friday when opposition leaders and relatives solemnly bore the body of opposition Gabonese Progress Party leader Joseph Redjimbe to his home village of Qumba for burial, police and officials said.

A cortège of 66 relatives, friends and party militants toured the village in southern Ogooué maritime province as some 200 police maintained a discreet presence.

Redjimbe's mysterious death in May 22 after a rendezvous with a woman from the Ivory Coast in a hotel in the capital Libreville set off riots that shook the West African nation, seriously threatening the government of

327m in 12 EEC states

Upheavals help raise population

LUXEMBOURG, July 7. (AP): The European Economic Community's population rose by 1.75 million in 1989, largely due to the upsurge in Eastern Europe that sent a million people into West Germany alone, the EEC statistics agency Eurostat reported yesterday.

It put the population of the 12 EEC states at just over 327 million as of Jan. 1, 1990, up from 325.3 million at the start of 1988.

The end of East German border controls, Eurostat said, "resulted in an estimated net inflow of about 1 million people into the Federal Republic of Germany" in 1989, the greatest number for that country since the EEC's creation in 1957.

Eurostat gave these population figures, in millions, for each EEC state:

West Germany, 52.7; Italy, 57.6; Britain, 57.3; France, 56.3; Spain, 38.9; The Netherlands, 14.9; Portugal, 10.3; Greece, 10; Belgium, 9.9; Denmark, 5.1; and Ireland, 3.5. Luxembourg's population stands at 378,000.

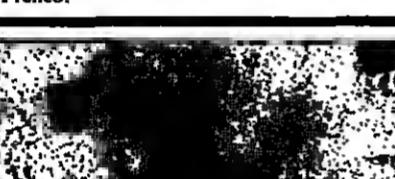
In 1989, the EEC recorded 41,000 fewer births than in 1988, a drop of 1.1 per cent. The drop was highest in Spain, Italy and Ireland.

The number of marriages in the EEC last year rose by 29,600, or 1.5 per cent from 1988, bringing "the community's marriage rate back up to its 1981 level," Eurostat said.

"Ireland and France share last place in the marriage stakes," it said, "although the trends in these two countries are moving in opposite directions."

Since the beginning of the 1980s, Ireland's marriage rate has been falling steadily ... whereas France's marriage rate, after falling continuously over the previous 15 years, has been rising slightly since 1985."

In 1989, the Portuguese were most eager to wed, followed by the Britons, the West Germans, the Belgians, the Dutch, the Greeks, the Danes, the Luxembourgers, the Spaniards, the Italians, the Irish and the French.



Political change

A Tibetan refugee woman dances in public to celebrate the birthday of her spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama for the first time in 30 years. Political change in Nepal has brought new religious freedom in the country. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fashion

Woman moves into men world

PARIS, July 7. (Reuters): Sonia Rykiel, the high priestess of women's fashion for nearly 25 years, put her first men's collection on the Paris catwalks yesterday, lightening up men's tailoring with baseball caps and jogging pants.

Rykiel, who made her name in the 1980s with flowing knitwear and crepe dresses rapidly becoming one of the most commercial designers in her profession, stressed the sporty look for men.

Her spring and summer line was dominated by hooded sweatshirts, jogging pants and comfortable gym shoes. But these locker-room items were intended for the city streets, and got a dressy touch from classic grey wool jackets.

Models wore layer upon layer of striped scarves in elementary greens, reds, blues and yellows.

Rykiel, whose feminine look is so popular it has prompted some admirers to dye their hair red to resemble her, carried her taste for quite a classicism over into yesterday's collection.

There were dust wraps in sombre navy, severe grey city suits, and matching knits in autumn colours. More daring outfits included a black quilted bomber jacket and emerald green velour T-shirt and trousers ensemble.

"I think this collection has at least allowed Sonia to fulfill her potential," said one spectator.

President Omar Bongo and halting oil production for three days.

The government released only partial results of an autopsy carried out on Redjimbe, who also was a wealthy businessman. Authorities confirmed injection marks had been found in Redjimbe's abdomen but the results of toxicological tests carried out on him have not yet been disclosed.

Opposition leaders charge Redjimbe was poisoned. (UPI)

Europe

German rebel to tell all

A top West German guerrilla suspect arrested last month will turn state's evidence and tell all she knows about the notorious Red Army Faction (RAF), Der Spiegel news magazine said on Saturday.

It said Susanne Albrecht, one of eight suspected members of the group tracked down in East Germany last month, had also agreed to inform on links between the RAF and East Berlin's toppled hardline communist rulers.

Albrecht, wanted in connection with the RAF killing in 1977 of a West German banker, was extradited on Thursday from East to West Germany after she dropped an appeal against her arrest. (Reuters)

Fire destroys Athens lab: A fire at an Athens nuclear research centre destroyed most of the chemistry laboratory on Saturday, spewing noxious fumes into the air and causing panic, police said.

Ion Sisic, director of the centre, told reporters there were no radioactive leaks. Radioactive pharmaceutical isotopes in the laboratory were on an undamaged floor. He said only small quantities of such isotopes were kept in the building.

The cause of the fire, which destroyed two floors of the chemistry lab, was unknown. No one was injured and there were no plans to evacuate anyone from the research centre or nearby residential areas, police said. (Reuters)

UK Labour lead slips: Britain's main opposition Labour Party's lead over the conservatives in opinion surveys continued to decline, according to a new poll published in London Saturday.

For the first time since last January, Labour's lead slipped below 10 per cent.

The figures in a survey for BBC television put Labour at 47 points, the Conservatives 38, Liberal Democrats 8 points, Greens four and others three.

For the ruling Conservatives, this represented an improvement of three points on the previous month, and for Labour a drop of one point. (Kuna)

UK probing bombs: British anti-terrorist squad detectives in London Saturday investigating the two bombs which caused chaos in central London.

Bomb disposal experts defused one device outside the offices of the Israeli airline El Al in Regent's Street last night.

In the earlier incident a bomb left in a letter bin exploded in the Strand, only a mile from the building where the Nato summit was held.

Police have issued a photofit picture of a man they want to question in connection with the blast.

The second bomb caused traffic mayhem in central London at the height of the rush hour. The first device brought traffic to a standstill in the morning for six hours. (Kuna)

Norwegian fisherman shot: Soviet guards patrolling the Arctic border between Norway and the Soviet Union shot at a Norwegian fisherman and violated Norwegian territory, Oslo officials said on Saturday.

Norway has formally protested to the Soviet Union, but Soviet officials said guards did not cross the border into Norway when trying to catch a man fishing in the Grense-Jakobs river on Thursday.

The normally quiet border goes along the middle of the river, which is known for its good salmon. (Reuters)

Armed man storms hospital: A man armed with a pistol and two hand grenades stormed the maternity ward of a hospital in Piešťany, western Slovakia, on Friday and held a doctor and a policeman hostage for six hours before surrendering, the official CTK news agency reported.

The 58-year-old man later told police he wanted to protest against the verdict in his divorce case, the agency said.

Nobody was hurt during the incident, CTK said. (Reuters)

Scientology leaders jailed: The president of the Church of Scientology in France and two other officials of the group have been indicted and jailed for illegal practice of medicine and fraud, it was learned Saturday.

Daniel Gounord, president of the group, Jean-Paul Chappelle, the financial director, and Yves Veu, head of the affiliated celebrity centre, were jailed Friday in Paris. They were to be transported to Lyon to face the charges.

The indictment announced Saturday in Lyon bring to six the number of Scientology members charged in connection with an investigation into the 1988 suicide of a man indoctrinated in the psycho-religious group. (UPI)

Fails to stop marbles sale: The Greek government has lost a last-minute bid in the High Court in London to stop the sale by Sotheby's auctioneers of a collection of ancient Greek marbles and pottery.

The judge, Sir John Mummery, said in his ruling Friday that if the Greek government wants to stop the splitting up of the cycladic marbles, as the collection dating from between 2600 BC and 2200 BC is known, it could bid for it itself.

British news reports spoke of the collection as rare and valuable. No sum was mentioned in the court proceedings. (AP)

Car rams barricades

A man drove his car into the concrete barricades protecting the US Capitol building on Friday after being stopped for a traffic violation and wound up near the entrance to the Senate, Capitol police said.

No explosives or dangerous weapons were found in the car. Haffin was carrying a box of religious literature towards the Capitol when he was ticketed for leaving his car unattended.

Above: a police officer takes measurement around the car. (Reuters wirephoto)

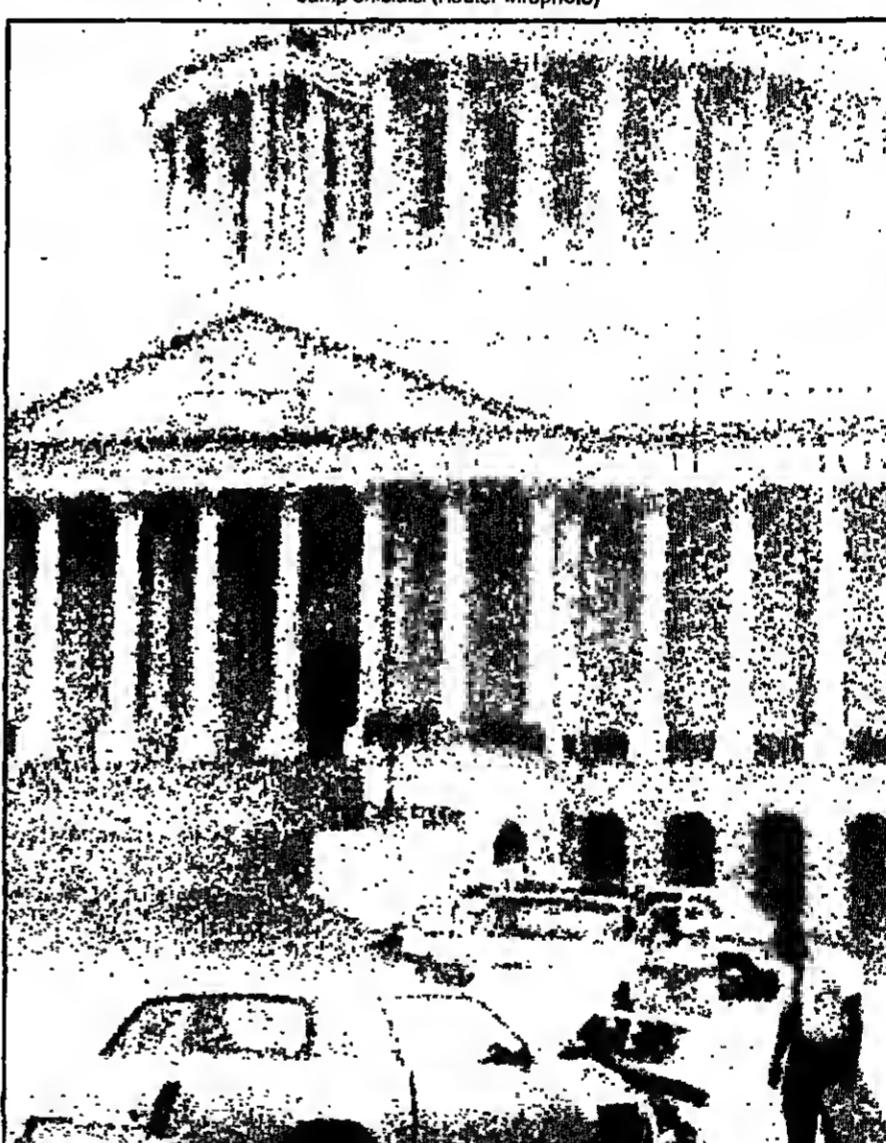
Passing out

A spectated Beijing University student marches in close order during a passing out parade at Shijiazhuang Military Academy yesterday. The entire freshman class of the prestigious university was required to spend a year at the academy undergoing military education to prevent students from becoming involved in politics. (Reuters wirephoto)



Refugee child

Refugee child eats lunch on Thursday amidst complaints of food and medicine shortages by camp officials. (Reuters wirephoto)



Forest fires

Vacationers evacuated

TOULON, France, July 7. (UPI): Hundreds of vacationers were evacuated from homes and campsites as wind-whipped fires roared through southern France, burning some 2,400 acres of forest and brush, officials said.

Seventeen persons, including 15 firefighters, were slightly injured in the fires, which were brought under control today.

Flames destroyed a villa near St Aygulf and about 20 camping cars at a campsite in Roquebrune-Sur-Argens.

Some 1,000 firefighters using nearly 200 pieces of equipment battled the fires through last night. The flames were finally brought under control with the use of six fire fighting airplanes and several helicopters dousing the conflagrations.

About 500 people, mostly vacationers, were evacuated from homes near La Londe, taken to a municipal centre for shelter. A similar situation occurred near Roquebrune-Sur-Aygulf, where some 300 people were evacuated.

Engineers at Rockwell International, the contractor that built the space shuttles, are testing pipes and valves from the space shuttle Columbia this weekend at Downey, California.

And next Friday, engineers of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will conduct leak tests on space shuttle Atlantis which is on a launch pad at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. (AP)

Power on for new shuttle: Electric power was turned on in the new US space shuttle Endeavour, set for its maiden space flight here in 1992, for the first time on Friday, space agency officials said.

The electrical activation was a major milestone in the construction of the ship being built to replace the shuttle Challenger, which exploded in 1986. (Reuters)

**Sit-in in Delhi**

Members of the Bharatiya Janata Party shout anti-government slogans as they staged a sit-in in New Delhi demanding action by Indian government to 'save Kashmir' where Muslim militants are demanding independence from India. (Reuter wirephoto)

Indo-Lankan tension over

Delhi gives assurances

COLOMBO, July 7. (Kuna): Certain apprehensions and misunderstandings between Sri Lanka and India have now been cleared following the three-day visit to New Delhi this week by Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary Bernard Tillekeratne.

According to Tillekeratne, during his talks with the Indian Foreign Minister, Inder Kumar Gujral, and the Foreign Secretary, Muhib Khan Dubey, both sides have reciprocated their sentiments of political goodwill while appreciating each other's concerns arising out of the latest flare-up between the Sri Lankan security forces and the north-east based Tamil Tigers group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

"It was a highly successful mission," Tillekeratne said adding "I had an hour-long meeting with Mr Gujral and another lengthy session with my counterpart, Dubey."

Sri Lanka's main concern was a possible Indian intervention either direct or by proxy. "Mr Gujral gave us a categorical assurance that India will not interfere in Sri Lankan affairs. So far they assure that India to Indian soil will not be allowed to be used as a haven by Tamil militants," Tillekeratne said.

According to him, he had mentioned the Sri Lankan anxiety over the LTTE's apparently continuing access to India's Tamil Nadu state and Gujral had assured him not to worry on this score.

For the Indian side, the Foreign Secretary Tillekeratne's visit was a clear assurance that Sri Lanka was alive to India's security concerns.

India expressed its anxiety over the possibility of the involvement of a third country. They specifically inquired about certain reports about Sri Lanka having approached Pakistan for weapons. This was categorically denied by Sri Lanka.

India had also expressed concern about the clashes in the north-east of the island ending up in ethnic violence in the other areas of the island. Sri Lanka had emphasised that the conflict is not with the Tamils but with a "small armed group of terrorists" and pointed out that the Tamils living in the south "are absolutely safe."

Air-India awards to students

As part of encouragement of young talents in their pursuit of perfection, Air-India has introduced an award scheme for students with free tickets to India and back.

Following five students in Kuwait who obtained the top rank in the CBSC Secondary Examination of 1990 have been selected for the awards.

Miss. Aruna Divakaran — Indian School
Most. Gular Y. Prasanna — Indian School
Miss. Kirthika Perumal — New Indian School
Most. Jerry Mathews — New Indian School
Miss. Smitha Krishna Prasad — Carmel School

Dear Students,
Air-India congratulates you on your success and excellent results.

Kashmir India to ask UN observers to pullout

NEW DELHI, July 7. (Kuna): India will ask the United Nations to withdraw military observers group from Jammu and Kashmir state, press reports said today.

The Indian interior Ministry has already initiated move in this regard as it feels that pro-Pakistan elements in the state have always propagated that presence of military observers group in the troubled valley proves that the future of Jammu and Kashmir is unsettled.

The UN military observers group had been deployed to monitor line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir in 1952.

Experts

According to the Times of India, the matter has been referred to the External Affairs Ministry for examination. It states that several experts in the federal government feel that whatever stand about the presence of the UN observers group is taken by the world body, their continued presence can not be justified any more.

The secessionist elements in the valley often organise demonstrations outside the UN office in Srinagar to present memoranda to the staff only to embarrass India. A couple of months ago a massive demonstration was organised by the militant outfits outside the UN office for the same purpose.

Curb

The Indian home minister said yesterday that broad new powers granted to security forces would help curb the Muslim separatist movement in the troubled Kashmir valley, but the militants vowed to strike back "with more force and vigour."

Indian Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed also announced that Jammu and Kashmir state would be brought under president's rule July 19 after the expiry of governor's rule, which was imposed Jan 19 when the state government resigned, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Control

The imposition of governor's rule brought the state under the control of an administrator appointed by New Delhi, but the measure could not be extended beyond a six-month time limit. The decision to impose president's rule was aimed at keeping the state under the control of the central government during the present crisis.

The moves came one day after Kashmir Gov. Girish Saxena issued an order declaring the entire Kashmir valley in the northern Himalayan mountains a "disturbed area."

Tourism has almost ceased in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, July 7. (Reuter): Adventure travel has taken on a new meaning in troubled Kashmir, famed for its sparkling lakes and trekking trails through Himalayan forests.

Tourism has almost ceased as Muslim separatists engage Indian security forces in running battles in Srinagar and other towns of the Kashmir valley, which India's Mogul emperors 400 years ago dubbed "Paradise on Earth."

"We still have the adventure. We just don't have the tourists," said the state's deputy director of Adventure Tourism Mohammed

Ashraf.

More than 700 people have died so far this year in a separatist revolt in India's only Muslim-majority state.

Srinagar and other towns in the valley have been under partial or total curfew since January, when tens of thousands of Indian security forces poured into Kashmir to fight the separatists.

In 1988, before the anti-India movement surfaced, 60,000 foreign tourists and more than 600,000 Indians visited the valley of Kashmir.

This year only a few hundred "really adventurous" foreign tourists and hardly any Indians

have come, Ashraf said, adding "it's a different kind of adventure now."

The trickle could dry up completely. Tourism officials in Srinagar said India would probably soon declare the vale of Kashmir a "disturbed area," making it all but impossible for foreign tourists to visit.

But Ashraf saw an environmental silver lining in the cloud hovering over the valley.

The Jammu and Kashmir state government is hiring the pack ponies, normally employed to carry trekkers' luggage, to carry garbage picked up on the trails.

It is also buying up the famous

silk carpets made on hand looms to keep hundreds of family weavers in business, said Ved Marwah, special adviser to state Governor Girish Saxena.

The houseboats on Dal Lake, which the British introduced last century as an escape from the soaring summer heat of north India's plains, have been particularly hard hit and not just economically.

In June, militants biding in houseboats and on a hill overlooking Dal Lake launched rockets and grenades at security forces housed in deserted tourist hotels.

Some houseboats were

damaged in the fight and owners scurried to move 100 others, moored by the lakeside tourist strip known as the Boulevard, to another bank.

The few foreign tourists on the boats packed up and left after the incident, said Iqbal Chatri, head of the Houseboat Owners Association.

But the season had died before it began for owners of the lake's 2,000 registered houseboats.

"The people living in houseboats and around Dal Lake are in constant threat at the hands of the paramilitary forces," Chatri said.

"Where you find the cat, you find the rat. The militants came on our houseboats because the security forces have militarised Dal Lake," he said.

On the recent visit, the road around the lake, which was once thronged with backpackers, was deserted by all but military vehicles dodging flocks of sheep and long-haired goats.

The nomadic Gujar tribesmen were shepherding the flocks from the plains to summer pastures near the snowline.

The authorities were bracing for a fresh wave of militants trying to slip through mountain passes for a summer offensive.

Annual flooding is a major problem in Bangladesh

Countdown to destruction begins

MEGAIYA, Bangladesh, July 7. (AP): After the flood water drained away, Shahar Banu and her grandson returned to their village and found the earth slipping under their feet.

Megaiya's land is eroding fast. The latest deluge by the monsoon-swollen Jamuna river and the receding water ate more loose top soil this summer, as it does every year.

"The countdown to destruction has started," said Hedayatullah Al Mahmud, a

civil administrator at Megaiya in the northern Sirajganj district.

Annual flooding is a major problem in Bangladesh, a low-lying delta crisscrossed by hundreds of rivers. Tens of thousands of tons of rice, the staple food of Bangladeshis, are lost to the encroaching rivers every year and the government reports hundreds of deaths.

The country is one of the poorest in the world, with a per capita income of \$160. When there are no floods, Bangladesh's

110 million people are often reeling under drought. The coastal areas are buffeted by frequent hurricanes.

This summer's flood washed away thousands of huts and weakened the foundations of the few concrete buildings in the village of 3,000 people.

District officials fear that in five years the erosion will trigger the collapse of the region's oldest establishment, a school built in 1919, as well as a college, a hospital, a granary and at least 50

shops.

"Flooding is a problem which brings temporary sufferings. But here in our area river erosion is the main problem," said Abdul Kalam Azad, a local official.

Mrs Banu and her 15-year-old grandson are resigned to being buffeted by fate.

"Only Allah can help us. We have nothing else," said Mrs Banu, a 55-year-old widow.

Besides Megaiya, erosion is threatening the neighbouring Kazipur area, also in Sirajganj

district, Azad said.

Sirajganj, 100 kilometres 160 miles northwest of the capital Dhaka, was the worst hit in last month's floods.

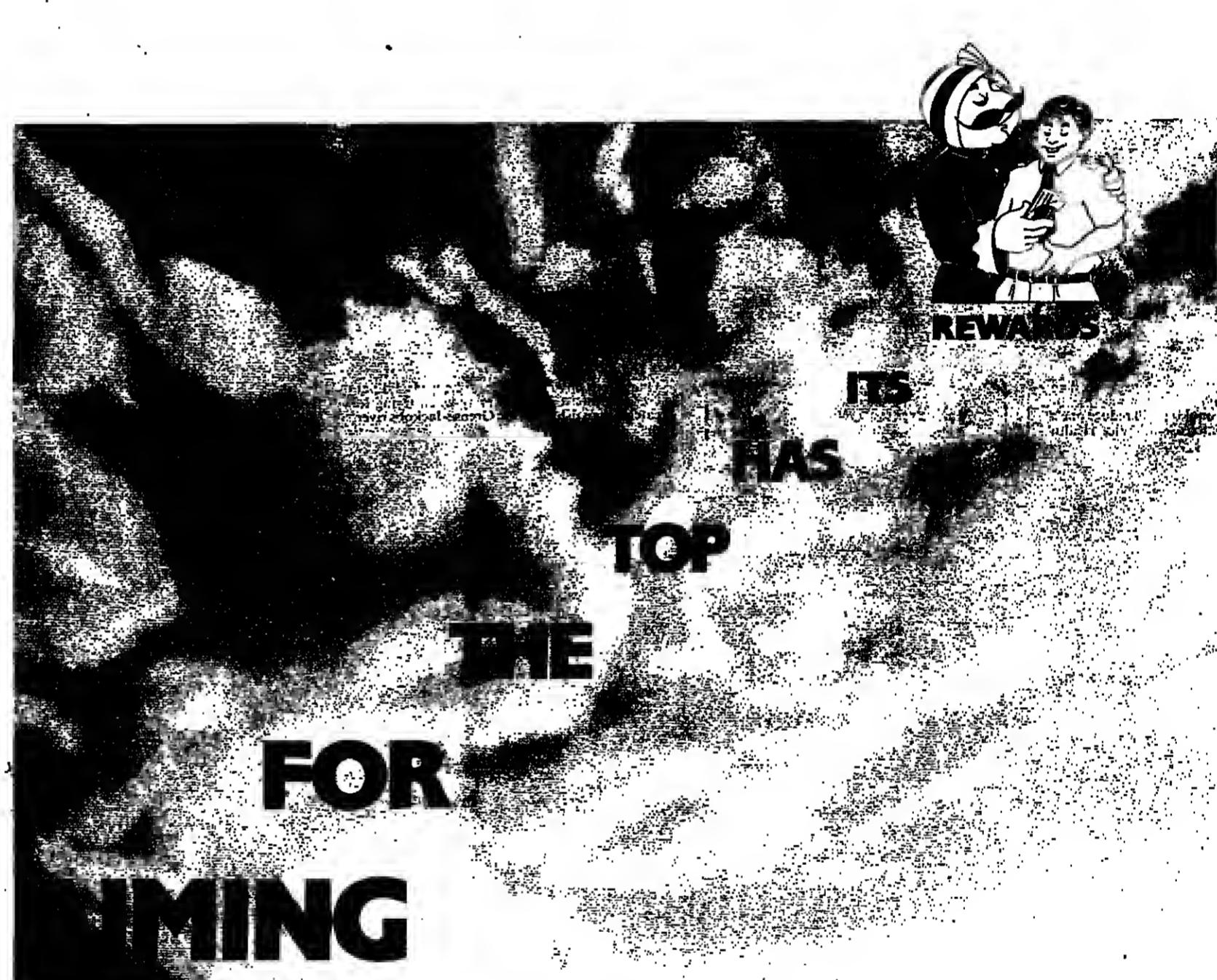
More than 600,000 people were stranded in the Sirajganj district and another 200,000 in neighbouring Bogra. People fled their inundated homes to take refuge atop levees and on the roofs of brick and cement houses.

Most houses in the impoverished district have mud-coated

bamboo walls and thatched roofs that wash away within a few hours whenever the Jamuna floods.

Azad said the Jamuna has destroyed at least 20 villages in the past three years, displacing 30,000 inhabitants. Many of them resettled in neighbouring districts or moved to cities, he said.

Officials privately say the government's efforts to tackle the annual deluge in the countryside have been half-hearted.



Congratulations to the winners of the AIR INDIA Scholastic Awards



Air India takes pleasure in presenting the 5 top ranking boy and girl students with free air tickets to India and back.

The prize-winning students are from the following 3 schools in Kuwait affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, India.

KUWAIT
Miss A. Diwakaran
Master G.V. Prasanna
Master Jerry Mathews

Indian School
Indian School
New Indian School

Miss K. Perumal
Miss S. Krishna Prasad

New Indian School
Carmel School

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Ideal design for schools to be planned

Vertical expansion to save space

THE assistant undersecretary for planning and development affairs at the Ministry of Education Dr Rashed Al Hamad was quoted as saying that the ministry intends to minimise the areas to be allocated for construction of schools.

He told a meeting which was attended by the directors of planning and development sector, that the school building specs should keep abreast with the climatic conditions prevailing in the country. He dis-

closed that a committee had been formed in this respect, grouping representatives from the Ministries of Planning, Public Works and Education in addition to representatives from Kuwaiti Municipality for defining of school designs, adding that the committee had recently defined the requirements of each school building.

The committee is currently studying the possibility of setting up an ideal design for schools in different educational stages.

He added that the new design will be based on vertical expansion, rather than horizontal which is currently prevailing in the country, clarifying that this type of design will save a lot of space, adding that the ministry in this connection will follow examples prevailing in the other countries.

He added that the vertical designs will be provided with all the necessary facilities including lifts.

Meanwhile, the official confirmed in the

meeting the importance of the training process in the field of human resources development in Kuwait.

He called on the departments at the ministry to nominate employees for training courses to be adopted by the ministry.

On the other hand, the official has called for incorporating the latest technology in the educational field, referring that this suggestion should be crystallised by the directors of the departments.

Capital sub-station costs up to KD12 m

THE chief engineer at the Electricity and Water Ministry Controls and Monitors Centre Naseeb Al Saad has said that the total cost of the control sub-station for the Kuwait City has reached about KD12 million adding that all these sub-stations have been connected to the main centre which is now in full operation.

He said that the control substation for the city power network and related suburbs involves different high voltages starting from 132 KV down to 11 KV, adding that the voltage is reduced down to 415 volts at the various distribution sub-stations before it goes to various sub-suppliers.

Studies

He said that the control substation also undertakes studies aimed at determining the reason for power failures and related problems and follows up work to maintain the network and keep it in good working order, which is done depending on a computerised schedule for timely regular maintenance of different parts of the network.

He said that the data input analysers consist of two computers with 256 kilobyte memory capacity, adding that the systems are linked with the other sub-stations and main centres through a telephone network.

He said that the computer software consists of special power control and data analysis programmes, which trace the defective part of the power grid and locates the parts that need to be temporarily disconnected for regular maintenance or reduction of power overloads.

He also said that the control computers make the calculation of minute power loss or other circuitry calculations through number crunching operations.

NC members meet to vote on distribution of positions

NATIONAL Council deputy Rashed Al Jwaisei hosted an expanded meeting at his residence for the newly elected Kuwait National Council members yesterday.

The meeting aimed at completion of consultations on the distribution of posts of the National Council presidency. The consultation in this connection began immediately after the National Council election which took place on June 10, 1990, and which had been held in abeyance during the pilgrimage season.

Meanwhile, some sources at the council have said that three prominent candidates are being nominated for the post of speaker for the council including Abdulla Al Masaed, Jaser Al Jaser and Dr Mubarak Al Otaibi.

It added that the prominent candidate for the post of deputy speaker will be Hamad Al Towaijri while the secretary-general of the council will be Jwaisei who hosted the meeting.

Some sources told Al Seyassat that there was a trend in the council which has been supported by the government that the speaker of the council should be chosen from elected members and not from those appointed recently by an Amiri decree.

The meeting also discussed the preliminary formation of the council's committees, the agenda of the first session and the consultations with the government in respect of several topics.

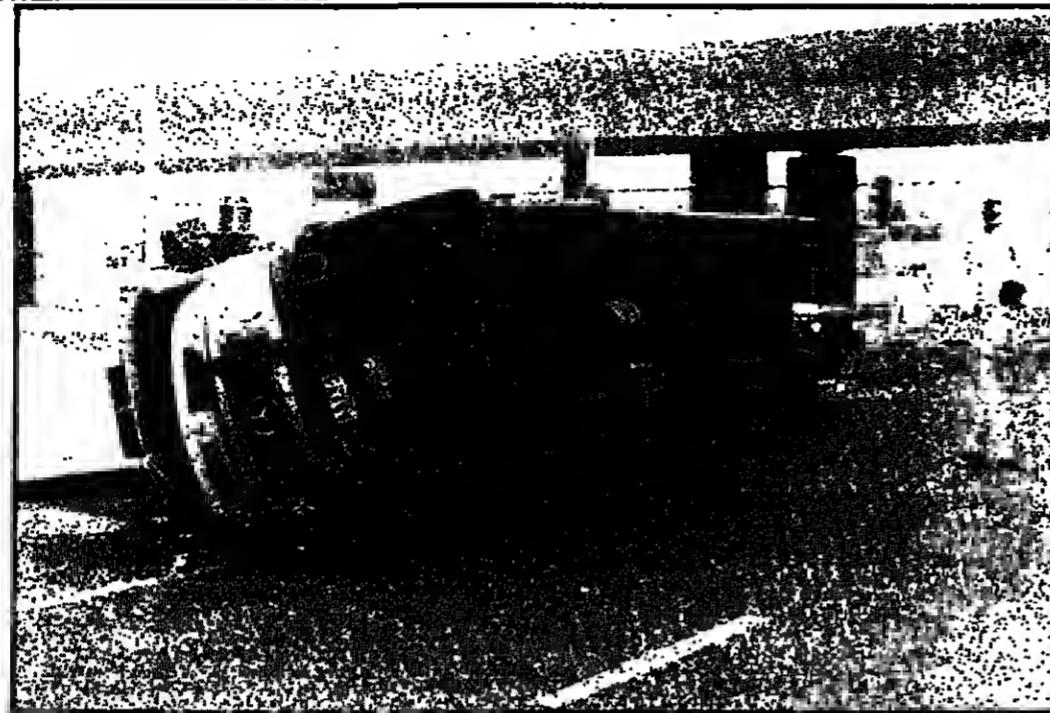
The council will hold its first session next Monday.

Europe tour

QHA, July 7. (Kuna): Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani left here today morning on a European tour.

The national Qatari News Agency did not mention countries to be visited by Sheikh Khalifa, nor did it indicate whether the trip was official or private.

An Amiri Decree announced that Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani replaces Sheikh Khalifa during his absence as viceroy.



Trailer turns turtle

Along trailer carrying vegetables turned over when it tried to turn back under the Canada Dry flyover near the vegetables and fish market in Shuwaikh. The driver escaped unhurt but trailer was damaged.

Information bank on street names requested

Fences to avoid accidents

THE Council of Ministers has asked the Municipal Affairs Committee to establish a main reference (information bank) about names of roads, streets, public squares and gardens in the country to refer to when authorities want to name new roads or gardens or other public places.

The Council of Ministers also agreed to recommendations of the educational, social and health committee to keep present names of streets, public squares and gardens without change and to accept and receive proposals from citizens on names of streets in their housing areas. The committee also suggested to accept proposals of councils of governorates to name streets and public places in their governorates.

Amidst the increasing accidents involving collision between cars on high travel road and stray camels, a local daily interviewed the chief engineer at the roads administration, Ministry of Public Works Ali Abbas Al Abdulla who said that any highway network is designed to provide unhampered easy driving on a two-way road separated by a concrete barrier.



Eid gifts for orphans

The director of the Juvenile Care Department at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Mohammad Riaouqi paid a visit to the Social Care Institutions Complex and met with the inmates on the occasion of Eid to distribute gifts.

He said that the services offered at these centres compared favourably with the most advanced centres in the world. The ministry endeavours to adopt all new social care technologies and develop social sciences in order to further add to the credit of these institutions, the official said.

He pointed out the pivotal role of parents in keeping the family together, and setting down examples for their children on how to be good individuals.



He said that the road sides have been fenced with specific accesses on calculated distances to prevent vehicles, individuals or animals from disturbing the easy flow of traffic.

He added that therefore pedestrian flyovers and other means are provided in the vicinity of residential areas or major crossroads to facilitate the change of direction and crossing of vehicles, and individuals without posing any dangers to passing traffic or themselves.

He said that the ministry undertakes the design and construction of roads which is done through joint co-operation and co-ordination with other official agencies and ministries such as the other service ministries, Kuwait Municipality and the Interior Ministry as well as the Kuwait Oil Company.

He added that the fencing of the road depends mainly on whether the road is part of the highway network, main or bifurcated road, and that the other considerations involved is the road level and the purpose of the fencing based on the types of potential road users.

Terminal 3 plan for airport on the cards

DIRECTOR of Public Relations at the Directorate of Civil Aviation, Bader Issa Al Matar has said that the number of passengers departing through Kuwait International Airport is expected to reach 725,000 on various scheduled and extra flights this summer as compared to 600,000 passengers during the same period last year.

In an interview with a local daily, he indicated that the total number of passengers who used Kuwait International Airport during 1989 reached 2,188,000 which is less than the maximum airport capacity. He stated that Kuwait International Airport is capable of taking the expected increase of passengers in the near future and pointed out that a new building will be built to accommodate the additional pressure of future passengers.

He indicated that financial credits had been allocated for the construction of the new building which will be located south of terminal 2. The new building project is presently being studied by consultants.

He pointed out that departure fees collected by the airport during the last fiscal year was more than KD2 million and stressed that there is no intention for the time being to modify such fees.

Regarding travel and tourism offices and other related activities inside Kuwait, Matar indicated that aviation laws organised group travel activities offered by these companies. He stated that offices offering such services should have obtained approval from the Directorate of Civil Aviation in addition to depositing an insurance.

In case of any violations reported by a passenger and confirmed by the administration, the office will be fined KD5,000 in addition to bearing all legal costs. Matar added that every effort made this summer aimed at providing better services to passengers.

He added that the Civil Aviation Department guides passengers during the summer by publishing special directives on the travel season through the media.

He called upon travellers to make sure of reservations and the validity of their documents well in advance.

The Directorate of Civil Aviation at Kuwait International Airport welcome any complaints or suggestions aimed at improving passenger services in the future, Matar said.

Market tender

KUWAIT Municipality laid the foundation stone and awarded the tender of the new vegetable, meat and fish market project in its old location at Mubarakya area (Kuwait City). The old market was demolished and shifted to its present site in Shuwaikh. The project is due to be completed within 600 days. Many observers expect that this project will increase commercial activities in Kuwait City and lead to the appearance of many new markets and commercial complexes in the capital. Trade in the capital stagnated after the old market was demolished.

On the other hand, Kuwait Municipality has issued new licences to citizens to build private houses in the south of Surrat. Many citizens are still waiting for further licences which will add a big housing area to Kuwait's map.

The chairman of the committee Bader Yousef Al Shamrouk said that the success percentage for the Arab-Bonn School was very high as all students passed the Islamic education and physics exams while only one student is to sit for the Arabic language exam and another for the English exam, with similar number of students to sit for the chemistry exams and three more for the biology exams.

He said that 323 students, boys and girls, from private schools will

Over KD 62m budget for agriculture authority

Plans for various green belts

A DECREE was issued allocating a budget of KD6,688,000 for the Public Authority of Agriculture and Fish Resources for the fiscal year 90/1991. The decree estimated the income of the authority during the same year at KD354,000. Expenses of the authority will be covered from budgets of ministries and departments (Finance Ministry).

The budget of the authority for the new fiscal year marked an increase of KD13,172,000 compared to budget of last year. The chairman of the board at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah paid a visit to afforestation areas in Jahra, Shadadiya, Springcamping grounds, and others, accompanied by the deputy director-general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Nizar Mulla Hussein and top authority officials.

Sheikh Ibrahim told a local daily that the authority has designated a number of sites for the construction of green belts stretching from the northern part of Jahra governorate down to the west and south, as part of a plan prepared in accordance with the Kuwait Masterplan allocating 100 dunums for afforestation projects.

He said that the site allocated for this purpose in Jahra is 1600 dunums, which include 45,000 afforestation seedlings to be completed by the end of the current year, besides 35,000 trees irrigated by computerised control of artesian well water.

He said that 34,000 trees will be planted on the Jahra road afforestation project, while 1800 dunums have been allocated for the Ardiya afforestation project which will contain 40,000 seedlings beside ten thousands shrubs irrigated with brackish water.

Projects

46,000 seedlings have already been planted in the spring camping grounds during project stage three, while 25,000 others will be planted as part of the Jahra afforestation projects, Sheikh Ibrahim said.

He added that a total 223,000 afforestation trees, shrubs and plants will also be planted in different areas, and that these ambitious projects are intended for implementation as part of the five-year plan, which will also include the planting of Salmy road sides at the length of 110 kilometres, and also the Mutla and Abdali roads at 80 kilometres and Waqra agricultural areas not more than 40

He added that other projects to be implemented will involve the greening of sheep and camel raising farms, while wind breakers are currently being set up in Waqra and Kabad.

A total of 18,000 shrubs will be planted in Kabad and 12,000 others in Waqra, Sheikh Ibrahim said.

He added that unguided graz-

ing patterns constitute a major problem facing rangelands in Kuwait, due to the excessive pressure of the huge numbers of cattle on poor vegetation output in Kuwait.

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He also criticised the use of mechanical vehicles on wild plantations and onto grazing areas which inflict considerable damage on arable soil.

He also warned against soil scraping activities which are often associated with spring camping, stressing the great harm caused to vegetation, leading to an inevitable deterioration of wild plant life in the country, and stepped up the desertification process as well as activated dust storms and the formation of sand-dunes.

The deputy director-general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Nizar Mulla Hussein stressed the important role played by the institute through full and integrated co-operation with the authority in all fields of agricultural co-operation.

He said that the institute undertook the performance of different agricultural experiments to determine the different conditions for improved and developed agricultural patterns in the light of the existing climatic specifications.

He said that the institute also exchanged expertise in this field with various international institutes and research centres inside the Arab world and abroad. The main purpose is to transfer all technologies deemed necessary and instrumental in furthering existing agricultural development techniques in Kuwait under prevalent climatic conditions, Sheikh Ibrahim said.

Manama, Beijing bolster co-op ties

BEIJING, July 7. (Kuna): Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa affirmed yesterday his country's keen desire to bolster its ties with China, particularly in the economic and trade fields.

Speaking to the New China News Agency (Xinhua), after the signing of an agreement on economic, trade and technical co-operation, Sheikh Mohammed said that the agreement turns a new page on co-operation between the two countries.

The agreement, which was signed by Sheikh Mohammed and Chinese Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin, calls for, among other things, the encouragement of co-operation in industrial projects, construction, light industries and agriculture.

The agreement, the first since the two countries established diplomatic ties in April of 1989, also calls for the formation of a joint commission to oversee the implementation of the accord.

Before signing the agreement, Sheikh Mohammed met with minister Tuobin on ways to strengthen bilateral trade co-operation.

Later on, the Bahraini foreign minister conferred with Chinese Premier Li Peng, who praised the remarkable progress in relations between Manama and Beijing.

Peng also affirmed that China will stand alongside developing nations, despite the difficulties it faces because of Western sanctions.

For his part, the Bahraini foreign minister lauded China's efforts toward realising peace between Iraq and Iran.

During the meeting, Sheikh Mohammed handed Premier Peng a message from Bahrain's Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa to President Yang Shangkun, which included an invitation to visit Bahrain.

100pc pass rate for Carmel School

CARMEL School Kuwait, achieved 100 per cent passes in the All India Secondary School Certificate Examination. All the students were declared successful.

Smitha Krishna Prasad stood first with an aggregate of 86.2 per cent and Renita Nira Rodrigues 84.6 per cent.

The highest marks obtained subject-wise were as follows:

English: Renita Rodrigues and Rosilia George (84)

French: Suja Abraham and Nooti M. Koya (95)

Mathematics: Caroline Susanna Joshy (92)

Science: Smitha Prasad and Lini Mathews (93)

Social Science: Smitha Prasad, Lisa Philip and Simi Menon (77)

Hindi: Supneet Kaur Kohli (69)

Out of the 96 students who appeared from the school, 36 passed with distinction and 36 in 1 division. There were 199 distinctions in various individual subjects.

3,094 students to sit exams in August

ACCORDING to a statistical release issued by the secondary exams control committee, science division, 3,094 students will sit for the second term exams in August.

The release reveals that the total number of students qualified for the second term exams in Arabic language are 217, in Islamic Religion 62, in English 815, in maths 704, in biology 519, in physics 850 and in chemistry 891.</p

Few takers at 'Beit Al Mal' auction

Valuable at low prices

FREE auctions are regularly held at the 'Beit Al Mal' centre under the supervision of the General Customs Department, at which valuable goods are offered at low prices.

Abdul Rahim, assistant director of financial affairs and technical services, said that the tradition of auctions at the Beit Al Mal started forty years ago, as it was necessary to devise a way to get rid of accumulated unclaimed goods in different customs storerooms.

He said that the reasons for the accumulation of goods includes the failure of the forwarding agents to notify the importer of the arrival of the goods. After 90 days of demurrage, the owner-

ship of the goods automatically transfers to the Beit Al Mal, where a special pricing committee determines the price after deduction of accumulated demurrage.

The importer can apply for suspension of auction on his goods, but he is given only ten days to pay all dues and receive the goods.

The goods are usually examined and scanned by the relevant personnel from the Israel Boycott Office, military intelligence, information ministry, communications ministry and the health affairs department of Kuwait Municipality, Rahim said.

He added that the goods could be clothing, shoes, spare parts,

cars and a score of miscellaneous items. People taking part in the auction are few. However, the summer period is always known for stagnancy of business, where expats and citizens are usually on vacation outside Kuwait, Rahim said.

Clients at the auction are traders who intend to buy goods for resale in pursuit of profit, Rahim said. People seldom come to the auction to buy individual items for personal use, he added.

A trader at the auction, said that he had been a regular client for over 35 years and that he sustained several losses at the auction on different occasions, due to his ignorance of the going prices in the market. He added that the whole thing for him started out

as a hobby and then developed into a professional practice.

Abdul Karim Mohammed Baqer said that his experience at the auction was only ten years and that he personally went for small cheap articles to suit the power of his capital.

He said that his bids were based on an extensive study of the local market situation, and then he would financially assess the goods being auctioned to ensure a decent percentage of profit.

He criticised the practice of certain powerful clients at the auction who would give high prices to goods not deserving half or even one third of the value given, just for the sake of intimidating new clients.



Al Rashed vs Al Nuzha match



Early entrants to the forthcoming ladies scrabble tournament practicing the use of the chess clock.

Filecheck tourney enters fourth round

All female scrabble begins July 20

AL RASHED Freight beat Kirby Building Systems (3-1) to move into second place with Al Nuzha Garage who drew with current leader Kabayan Restaurant (2-2) after the crucial third round match of the ongoing Inter-Commercial Team Chess Tournament organised by the House of Chess Club. Kabayan (3-1) beat Al Nuzha (2-2) at the Kabayan Restaurant on Friday, 6 July 1990.

Group A & B Blitz Kings Ing Vendiola of Al Nuzha Garage and Gil Opiana Jr of Kabayan Restaurant continued their winning streak with a win over their respective rivals Jun Pacana and Fred de Nieva to strengthen their lead in the race for board honours. Kabayan's Sammy Aurellano outmaneuvered Diony Bartolome, the carmine's surprise board 2 alternate in the absence of its regular player Danny Calasian and alternate Ali Macaya-an, in 57 moves of Queen's Pawn opening. Felix Sillo on board 4 defeated Benjie Amanse.

in just 33 moves of a Sicilian defence.

In the clash of the champions, active champion Nanding Policarpio of Al Rashed Freight outlasted rated a champion Niel Dumiao of Kirby Builders in 31 moves of a Reti opening. Dumiao playing

default on board 3.

Default-ridden JM International finally broke into the win column courtesy of their board 1 player Ariel Martinez by outplaying Mon Cortado of Hatid Ligaya. Door-to-Door in 29 moves of a Sicilian defence, International Master's Wally Almada on board 2 had to give up his game which is still on the middle-game against Forwarder's Rading Moje due to time constraint in his work schedule. Mel Espinosa and Nilo Magtangoh won by default on boards 3 & 4 respectively. Hatid Ligaya beat JM International (3-1).

In another development, club president Edward Racaza announced the start of registration for the all-female scrabble tournament scheduled to start on Friday, July 20 1990.

The tournament is open to all Filipino ladies in Kuwait and will be conducted in two stages — preliminary and champion-

ship round. Time regulations will be monitored with the use of chess clocks with each player allotted 15 minutes per game. Playing days will be every Friday from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm at the Kabayan Restaurant.

Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. For details, please contact Liza or Edward, Tel 2402840.

Fourth Round Schedule:

Friday, 13 July 9.00 am/Kabayan Restaurant (White vs Black); Kabayan vs Kirby, JM Int'l vs Al Nuzha, Far East Bank vs Hatid-Ligaya, Al Rashed.

Standings after Round 3

Team	Games played	Win	Draw	Loss	Total score
Kabayan	12	9	0	3	9
Al Nuzha	12	7	0	5	7
Door-to-Door	12	7	0	5	7
Hatid Ligaya	12	6	0	6	6
Far East Bank	8	4	0	4	4
JM Int'l	8	2	0	6	2
Al Rashed	8	1	0	7	1

Family medicine to be expanded

THE assistant undersecretary for technical affairs at the Ministry of Health Dr Tareq Al Abdal Jader has said that the ministry is working hard to expand its family medicine services, as part of its plan to develop health services for both expats and citizens.

He said that the ministry has of late started implementing an integrated plan, whereby stronger emphasis and support has been given to family medicine at all new or proposed health centres, due to qualified nursing and medical staff that can be provided under this category.

He said that under the family medicine practice one doctor can serve 40 to 50 different families, which helps facilitate the spread of the service to a larger number of people.

He added that the treatment by one doctor enables better acquaintance of the medical history of the family, which will come in handy as he traces the origin of a disease to hereditary factors.

He added that the constantly growing population has led to mounting pressure on existing clinics in different areas.

M.A. exams

PUNJAB university examination for M.A. 3rd semester (Public Administration — additional) will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on July 10, 1990 at 06.30 hrs.

Concerned candidates are advised to contact the undersigned immediately at the embassy.

Infiltrator arrested

A TURKISH national who tried to infiltrate into the country by hiding in the contents of a truck coming into Kuwait was apprehended by customs inspectors.

NOW that much of the country's infrastructure is in place and its social services are on a par, or even surpass, those to be found in the industrial countries of the West, the State of Kuwait is turning its attention to the promotion of its own cultural heritage. Nowhere is this more evident than in the field of Islamic art, where, thanks to the tireless work of Sheikh Hussa Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah and her husband, Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Kuwait now boasts one of the most influential and comprehensive collections in the world.

Housed in the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah (Museum of Islamic Art), part of the Kuwait National Museum which was built by the government and opened in 1983, the Al Sabah collection includes more than 20,000 objects ranging from Qur'anic manuscripts and mosque inscriptions, works of art in wood, glass, ivory, metal and precious jewels to textiles, carpets, calligraphy and medical instruments relating to the scientific and practical, as well as the religious and aesthetic life of the Muslim peoples. Of particular interest to international scholars, as well as to the visiting public is the wide range of historical periods covered by the collection, which includes works from the seventh to the 19th centuries hailing from Central Asia, China, India, Persia, Turkey and the Arab world, Spain and Italy. So, too, is the Islamic museum's extensive library, which contains several thousand volumes and rare manuscripts in several languages.

"While many collectors in the West," Sheikha Hussa said, "patronise art for their own self-glorification or because they have tax incentives to do so, such is not the case in Kuwait. The Qura'an," she observes,



Sheikha Hussa, director of Kuwait's National Museum.

"encourages people to enjoy their wealth but also to do so in the right way, such as by building mosques. We have no taxes here to avoid and we could have had the collection at home, to show to our friends. But we want a new generation here in Kuwait to enjoy it. We want it to be part of their civilisation, so that they can relate to their heritage."

A daughter of the former Amir, Sheikha Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, Sheikha Hussa is also a fervent supporter of state support for the arts. "Without government sponsorship," she notes, "we couldn't have achieved what we have done." Aside from providing the museum and free admission for the public, government sponsorship also enables the museum to carry out a wide range of educational

centres offering lessons to the Kuwaiti public in ceramics, jewellery design and calligraphy. Traditional spinning and weaving courses to preserve Kuwait's bedouin heritage are also available at Badr House, which, like Badr House, has been restored with government support.

"To outsiders, especially Westerners," Qaddumi observes, "Kuwait was and still is associated with oil and the petrodollar. They look upon it as nothing but a small modern country emerging out of sand. But we are partly to blame," she adds. "It is high time for us to rectify such misjudgements which obscure Kuwait's ancient civilisation and the historical evidence of old cultures which existed in, or migrated through, the land of Kuwait."

International recognition of this heritage, and of the contribution which the Al Sabah collection has made to the appreciation of Islamic art in the West, is further evidence of Kuwait's emerging influence in the cultural sphere.

In November, a special exhibition entitled "Art and Patronage: Ten Centuries of Islamic Art" has been arranged for the US, where works from the collection will be on display in six different cities. Two other major exhibitions were also arranged last year for Paris, one covering scientific works in Islam and another on early European publications on Islamic civilisation. Along with the work of private Kuwaiti individuals, such as Jasim Y. Homeizi and Tarek Rajah, each of whom have also built up important collections of Islamic art, the success of the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah demonstrates the way in which Kuwait is beginning to take pride in its own traditions while still creating an ultra-modern state.

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Under her directorship and with the help of the museum's curator, Ghada Hijjawi Qaddumi, the neighbouring Badr House has also been restored as a fine example of mid-19th century Islamic architecture native to Kuwait. It now serves as a hostel for visiting scholars and as an educational

National Council to open Monday

Preparations finalised

PREPARATIONS

have been finalised for the opening ceremony for the first ordinary session of the National Council, Monday. HH the Amir will deliver the opening speech authorising the Council to start its power of his capital.

He said that his bids were based on an extensive study of the local market situation, and then he would financially assess the goods being auctioned to ensure a decent percentage of profit.

He criticised the practice of certain powerful clients at the auction who would give high prices to goods not deserving half or even one third of the value given, just for the sake of intimidating new clients.

A local daily has said that invitations have been extended to former ministers and deputies to attend the opening ceremony. Meanwhile, the minister of State for Council Affairs Dr Bader Al Yaqoub held a series of meetings over the Eid holidays with the temporary secretary-general Mohammad Ibrahim Al Askari and the legal advisor Dr Taimen Al Jarf and a number of other officials to finalise preparations for the opening ceremony.

Councilor Jaser Al Jaser said that get-togethers have been

intensified for more extensive deliberations and discussions on how to further enrich the march of democracy in the country and exert all possible efforts to serve the interest of people and the country, far from the usual red-tape and obstructive formalities.

Jam'an Mohammad Nasir Al Harari has said that it is very important to elect a qualified chairman and deputy chairman in order to be able to shoulder their heavy responsibilities and be able to bring about the long-sought for leap in kind in the best interest of the country.

Meanwhile, Rashed Awad Al Juwaisi told a local daily that he will nominate himself for the position of the deputy chairman, in response to a request by his colleagues.

From the courts

Man gets 7 years for attempted rape

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man identified as Hassan to seven years imprisonment for abducting and attempting to sexually assault a boy.

The boy was standing at a bus stop for a long time under the heat of the sun when the accused drove up and offered the boy a ride.

The boy accepted, but the accused drove the car towards the desert with the intention of sexually assaulting the boy. However, the boy started screaming and in his desperation to escape, jumped out of the car.

The youth was injured in the escape attempt and was driven by the accused to the hospital. However, pedestrians who had taken down the car number informed the police who arrested the accused at the hospital.

Live problems are very common in Kuwait. Abouna said that these patients were children who were in urgent need of liver transplants. Liver problems are very common in Kuwait. Abouna said that half of these patients were children who were in urgent need of liver transplants.

He attributed liver failure to heredity, viral inflammation and cancer of the liver. Children's liver problems are related to paternal factors.

However, Abouna said that over the past eight years, qualitative and quantitative developments have been achieved in the field of liver transplants and operations have a success rate of 80 per cent on adults and children.

The total number of patients who need liver transplants in Kuwait is about 60. However, the cost of transplants is far less than that of treatment, particularly since all needed medical expertise and capabilities are available in Kuwait.

Abouna said that the cost of one transplant operation in Kuwait is estimated at KD 16,000 and added that the centre is currently in need of KD 180,000 annually as an independent budget.

The major obstacle is the unavailability of needed organs, and obtaining organs from abroad is becoming next to impossible — particularly in the US where local regulations prevent the performance of transplants on non-citizens. However, even if the patient did manage to obtain an organ, the cost involved is estimated to be about \$250,000.

Thus, Abouna said that it is vital to establish a special section for the procurement of organs from the dead. It is highly recommended to abide by the ministerial decisions adopted in this respect — namely, the consent of the dead man's family to transplant the organs.

In this respect, the official cited the efforts exerted in Saudi Arabia where during the past three years, organs were obtained from 82 bodies. These donations resulted in the transplant of 164 kidneys, 12 hearts. These figures were confirmed by the Saudi medical delegation to the transplants conference held in Kuwait recently.

Abouna specifically cited the deaths of 4,000 people in Kuwait during the past ten years due to traffic accidents and commented that if 20 per cent of these victims had donated their organs, the centre would have been eminently placed to cater to the needs of all transplant patients in Kuwait.

4th ring road

THE Public Works Ministry has reportedly completed 70 per cent of a study for the upgrading of the 4th ring road.

The study revealed that the ministry has no intention to demolish the existing steel bridges on the 4th ring road as they are still functional.

The study also pointed out the need for sorting out the traffic congestion under bridges, particularly under the Hawalli bridge. A tunnel may be constructed to link the 4th ring road to Tunis street.

Amiri audience: His Highness the Amir yesterday received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdal Jader and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed. (Kuna)

Premier receives: HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdal Jader yesterday received in audience at Bayan Palace Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sahab, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and State Minister for National Council Affairs Dr Bader Jassim Al Yaqoub. Sheikh Saad also received Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, Minister of Finance Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Alithi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdulla Al Othman and Communications Minister Habib Johar Hayat.

HH later received several members of the National Council and a number of citizens. (Kuna)

Sabah meets: Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber yesterday received Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, Minister of Education Dr Abdulla Yousef Al Ghunaim, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdulla Al Othman.

Sheikh Sabah also received a number of National Council members, Kuwait's ambassadors to Bahrain Faisal Al Haj, to Japan Abdul Aziz Al Sharekh, to Syria Ahmed Abdulla Al Jassem, to Belgium Ahmed Al Ibrahim and to Qatar Ahmed Suleiman Al Mershed.

Isa warns of hostile designs: The Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday emphasised his country's keenness on preserving the security and stability of the Gulf

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NO excellent soul is exempt from a mixture of madness
— Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 BC - 322 BC).

OPINION

Council of challenges

WITH the onset of the working-day tomorrow, Kuwait's National Council will begin its first session to address the challenge. Large and genuine though the challenge be, we are confident due to the trust of the Kuwaiti people that the response will be overwhelming.

Thus the National Council will formulate practical proposals to address various issues and our new government will execute them. The Council will not hunt mistakes of the government and conversely the government will not suspect the Council or confront it — to avoid hindrance to national interests and the stability and security of the country by preventing it from approving suitable legislations.

When the Council begins its mission, it will bring tangible proof of the democratic experiment which will be confirmed by Kuwaiti people themselves who will experience it in their normal life. It is an ideal occasion to candidly say that the Council which faces challenges is the real interpreter of the new Kuwaiti era.

Recommendations and requests of the Council should be respected and concurred with, unlike the previous parliamentary debates that did not constitute a form of national interest.

This time around, we have a council that is free of all accusations and we have members who have been elected through free elections. We have a government supported by a majority of members of the Council and is also not subjected to any pressure — except national considerations.

We believe that from now on, the Council will achieve justice for the majority of Kuwaitis who suffered for being kept aside in the opportunities to serve their country due to political monopoly. The Council is ready to respond to the call of the public elections. "This council is the voice of the people."

The Council will discuss the economic situation which needs new regulations to rebuild and maintain its bases. When economic activities are addressed, their benefits will extend to all.

It is the council of all Kuwaitis — without exception or discrimination. The challenge that has been launched has been accepted and the results will be a "boon to all" in the future.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Germans differ on approach

BONN, (Reuter): When East and West Germany unite, will the country be called simply "Germany", and will "Deutschland, Deutschland Über Alles" be its national anthem?

As the two states race towards unification this year, even the Germans themselves don't know the answer to these and other questions — such as the date of the united country's national day.

Only six months before they create the biggest state in Central Europe, they are in a bind but unanimous about the symbols people use to identify with their country.

They can agree on a flag — the red-black-and-gold banner both countries borrowed from 19th-century liberals — and of course have no problem about an official language.

Capital

But they are still not completely sure whether Berlin or Bonn should be their capital and have only just started discussing other trappings like names, anthems and holidays.

The Germans' complex and often tortured history is mostly to blame. Split for centuries into dozens of small states and principalities, they did not have one fatherland with one flag until Bismarck brought them together in 1871.

Following 74 years, until the Nazis' defeat in 1945, were scarred by Prussian militarism, the Third Reich and Auschwitz and are often deeply embarrassing to today's democratic and European-minded Germans.

For many, even the name 'Germany' has suffered so much propagandistic misuse that the official name of the new country could not simply be "Deutschland."

Asked by a television interviewer which name he preferred, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said "federal Republic of Germany" without blinking an eye.

"It is a federal state and that should be expressed in the name," he said to explain why he wanted the united country to keep the same name Bonn has used for the past 41 years.

"Many of our foreign partners and friends in East and West think it's important that this is a federal state," he added, hinting that the longer name would assure them the new Germany was not the centralised, militarised Germany of old.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1792 — France declares war on Prussia.
1833 — Turkey and Russia sign Treaty of Hunkar Iskelesi, a defensive alliance under which Sultan agrees to close Dardanelles Straits to all but Russian warships.
1846 — Denmark's King Christian VIII declares Danish state indivisible and heritable by females, thus preventing duchies of Schleswig-Holstein from becoming separate province.
1858 — British proclaim peace in India.
1895 — Opening of Delagoa Bay railway gives Transvaal outlet to sea.
1920 — Britain annexes East African protectorate as Kenya colony.
1940 — Norway government moves to London after 62 days of fighting Nazi invaders in World War II.
1950 — US Gen Douglas MacArthur is named Commander-in-Chief of United Nations Forces in Korea.
1960 — The Congo's premier Patrice Lumumba appeals to United Nations after Belgians send troops to Congo.
1967 — Air and ground fighting breaks out between Israel and Egypt along Suez Canal.
1969 — Bishops and priests of Church of England defeat proposal for reunification with Methodist Church.
1976 — Indonesian government says 9,000 people died in earthquake in New Guinea.
1986 — Kurt Waldheim is inaugurated as Austria's president, condemns anti-Semitism and urges Austrians to bridge racial and religious differences with tolerance.
1987 — Defiant political prisoners march out of South Korea prisons and demand release of all other government opponents.
1989 — China expels a second Voice of America reporter while unleashing further verbal attacks on US government-run radio station.

Nato wants unified Germany

Clear signal sent to Moscow

LONDON, (Agencies): The Nato summit has sent a clear signal to Moscow on the single issue it most wants to resolve — overcoming Soviet opposition to a united Germany's membership in the Western alliance.

The question is: will it be enough? West Germany took a leading role at the London summit to find ways of reassuring Moscow that there would be no resurgence of German military might and that Nato wanted to start a new era of cooperation with Eastern Europe.

"Everything which improves the atmosphere between East and West will smooth the path to unity," Chancellor Helmut Kohl told a news conference.

All-German elections are planned for December and Moscow's opposition to Nato membership for Germany at the "two-plus-four" talks of the two Germans and World War II victorious powers is the only major stumbling block to full unification — the cornerstone of a new European architecture.

West Germany agreed at the summit to impose a limit on the armed forces of a united Germany, something Moscow has repeatedly said it wants.

"Such a declaration is an indispensable signpost on the road to German unity," Kohl said.

US President George Bush cited the agreement to strengthen Nato's political role, adjust its military doctrine and offer more co-operation to former cold war foes.

He said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev could use the summit outcome to convince others that Nato membership for Germany posed no threat.

"Perhaps that is the most important message," he said. "Please convince your military and others in the Soviet Union."

Nato Secretary-General Manfred Woerner will go to Moscow next week with that message, the first time the alliance's top official has gone behind the former Iron Curtain.

The Soviet Union lost more than 20 million people in its World War II struggle against Nazi Germany — a scar that has not yet healed. The Soviet military, having witnessed the virtual collapse of the Warsaw Pact, is pressing Gorbachev not to make too many concessions to the West.

Initial reaction from Moscow to the Nato agreement could encourage Bush and other Western leaders in their belief that Moscow will now drop its resistance.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said the Nato summit had strengthened Gorbachev in his dispute with Soviet military hawks.

"Now we can tell them (Soviet generals) they are wrong... this has come at a good time because he is being criticised," he said.

Nuclear

The summit agreed to tone down the wording of its nuclear strategy, commit itself to further troop reductions in Europe and to thin out its heavy concentration of US British and other forces based in West Germany.

It also offered to sign a declaration of peace with the nations of the Warsaw Pact, formally ending decades of cold war hostility that saw the biggest military buildup in history.

Limits on German Armed Forces will be formally agreed in Vienna arms talks. Moscow has said it wants a limit of between 200,000 and 250,000 men, but the Bonn government is currently discussing a figure of between 300,000 and 400,000.

Nato had said previously that German Armed Forces should not be singled out. But the summit's final statement made a specific commitment to this, while dressing it up to include the armed forces of other nations.

Bush and Woerner both denied that there had been a change of policy. But one senior Nato official said:

"It has to be done if we are to convince Moscow. The Germans have been quite happy to accept this."

Nato last month offered Moscow a nine-point plan of assurances on German unification, including a pledge not to station alliance troops in what is now East Germany and to allow the 360,000 Soviet troops based there several years to leave.

But it was not enough to overcome Soviet objections. Moscow would prefer a united Germany to be neutral, but Nato has said that such a solution would leave it as a "loose cannon" in the heart of Europe.

Kohl also ensured an agreement on the with-



Kohl...presses for unity

drawal of US nuclear artillery shells in Europe, most of which are based in West Germany. He pressed for a quicker timetable than Bush, making the withdrawal conditional on a reciprocal move by Moscow.

Although it was not a major topic of discussion at the Nato summit, Kohl has also been pressing Western allies to give financial aid to the Soviet

Union as another way of smoothing the path to German unification.

Knowing that countries such as the United States and Japan are reluctant to offer cash, Kohl acknowledged that this would be a long-term project.

Kohl has also been pushing other Western countries to chip in \$15 billion to rescue Gorbachev's economic reform programme.

French President Francois Mitterrand quickly endorsed the project, but others have been more hesitant.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher led efforts to rebuff the money drive at a recent summit of the European Economic Community, the trading bloc of a dozen West European nations.

The community did agree in principle to help the

Soviet economy but asked for proposals for short-term loans and longer term assistance.

Thatcher has argued the money would be wasted unless the West had a clear idea of what it would go for.

It would be better, she said, to offer technical expertise and similar help in turning the Soviet's centrally planned economy into a free-market system.

At the end of their talks, Bush and his counter-

parts released a landmark declaration inviting Gorbachev to speak to Nato, promising to rely less on nuclear weapons and to limit the troop size of a united Germany.

The dramatic conclusions were adopted in response to the vastly reduced military tensions in Europe. But they were also taken to help Gorbachev, who is fighting for his political survival.

"What Mr Gorbachev is doing is exceptionally important and to the extent humanly possible we want to be helpful," said Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Mulroney suggested that had the allies been offered a chance years ago to encourage change in Eastern Europe, there would have been little hesitation.

The opportunity, he said, "now exists. Only foolish people would let it slip away."

Leaders on both sides warn right-wing attacks could trigger violence between whites and blacks and undermine the peace process.

Black leaders say they will be forced to hit back if their people are hurt by right-wing extremists.

"South Africa does not need white terrorists any more than it needs black terrorists," it added.

S. Africa

Right-wingers unleash terror

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP): A wave of bombings and attacks in South Africa is widely seen as the start of a terrorist campaign by right-wing extremists who want to preserve white rule at any price.

Government and security officials fear the attacks will be a major threat to stability at a time when white and black leaders are struggling to find a peaceful solution to South Africa's centuries old racial divisions. The right hopes it can preserve white rule by foiling any peace talks.

"What they are doing is to harm the efforts at reconciliation, as well as the hopes of a peaceful transition to a new society," the Citizen newspaper said in a July 5 editorial.

"South Africa does not need white terrorists any more than it needs black terrorists," it added.

Violence

Leaders on both sides warn right-wing attacks could trigger violence between whites and blacks and undermine the peace process.

Some extreme right-wing groups have declared war on President F.W. de Klerk's government for announcing that it wants to end apartheid and seek a new constitution to share power with blacks.

Six bombings in Johannesburg in one week, including an attack July 1 on a black bus station that injured 24, are seen as the first major offensive by the extremists.

Ironically, the right-wing attacks come at a time when black nationalist organisations such as the African National Congress have all but abandoned violence.

Government officials say the right wing poses a far greater threat in comparison to the armed struggle of the ANC and other black groups. The ANC military campaign that began in 1961 was mainly ineffective because of internal problems and the superior strength of South African forces.

Whites

A terrorist campaign by whites is likely to be much more effective and dangerous, security officials said. Nearly all white men receive compulsory military training, guns and explosives are readily available to whites, and the right-wing has numerous sympathisers in the police and military, they said.

It is also much easier for white extremists to operate without suspicion in a society that still retains major apartheid laws that give whites a privileged status, they added.

Extremist white groups have openly taunted the government and the police over their ability to operate easily and elude capture. One group stole scores of weapons from air force headquarters in Pretoria in April with inside help.

"There is no time to plan a counter-revolution. It is now open war," said Paul Rudolph, the leader of the group. A videotape sent to newspapers: "We will use every means at our disposal to fight the De Klerk government, the overthrow of which is the highest priority."

Responsibility

Rudolph has claimed responsibility for bombing two offices of De Klerk's National Party. A shadowy group called the White Wolves has claimed responsibility in Johannesburg.

The government believes the extreme right consists of a few hundred fanatics. But security officials say even a handful of white terrorists operating in various parts of the country could cause havoc.

Up to 45 right-wing extremist groups of varying size are operating in South Africa, according to local press reports. The right-wing contends De Klerk has no right to end apartheid and they are demanding creation of a state for whites only.

Despite government demands for action, police have failed to break any of the extremist underground groups that have claimed responsibility for bombings and other attacks.

Several large right-wing political groups have been forming private armies. The Afrikaner Resistance Movement and similar groups deny they are behind the terrorist attacks, but they regularly display their well-armed "commando" or military units.

Right-wing leaders claim South Africa is hurtling towards a race war and thousands of whites are flocking to their movement.

"It will be a holy war," said Afrikaner resistance leader Eugene Terreblanche at a recent display of his men dressed in Nazi-style storm trooper uniforms. "We know we are heading for a confrontation."

QUOTE ME

"On match point, it took guts to hit a ball like that." — Monica Seles, admiring Zina Garrison's running forehand passing shot when faced with match point in their quarterfinal match. Garrison won in three sets.

"I don't think I'll ever stay back again. Ever. It's so much nicer. No, I'm just kidding." — Ivan Lendl, a long-time baseline player who has adopted a net-rushing game in order to win his first Wimbledon.

"The sheer number of beneficiaries is seemingly endless and the habit and pressure so ingrained that it would require a major change in society as a whole to end corruption." — Report by a Western embassy in January, seen by the Associated Press, estimated one-third of India's gross national product disappears into the "black" economy.

"It wasn't my day at all." — Steffi Graf, after losing a three-set semifinal match with Zina Garrison.

"It was a great experience. I thought, 'I'm playing Steffi Graf' — 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati, after losing her first-ever match with the top-ranked women's player.

"I needed a change. I needed some new motivation. I've been with the other coach for three years, that's a long time." — Gabriela Sabatini on changing coaches before Wimbledon.

"Maybe I'll hide her clothes, or shrink them (and) make her feel fat." — Martina Navratilova, whose opponent in Saturday's final, Zina Garrison, wears Martina's line of tennis clothes and brings them over for washing during Wimbledon.



Walesa is in charge in Poland

WARSAW, (Reuter): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki's decision to speed up democratic change after months of political immobility shows who is really in charge in Poland.

It's not Mazowiecki. It's Lech Walesa, the tough union leader and political in-fighter who wants to be the next president of Poland.

It was Walesa, leader of the Solidarity Union, who forced the reluctant prime minister to ring up the changes after a bruising political battle that mesmerised Poles for weeks.

Mazowiecki's announcement on Friday that he was purging ex-communists from his cabinet and bringing forward elections due by the first half of next year signalled his capit

Israeli guards kill Arab in jailbreak

Search-and-arrest operations in W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 7. (AP): An 18-year-old Palestinian prisoner was shot and killed by Israeli army guards during a prison escape in the occupied West Bank this morning, the military said.

An army official said guards at the Ofer prison, near the town of Ramallah, noticed the inmate running towards the prison fence shortly after midnight.

The guards performed the procedure for stopping a suspect, which consists of oral warnings, warning shots fired in the air and shots fired at the legs of the suspect, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Security wing to investigate activities

PARIS, July 7. (Agencies): Palestinian President Yasser Arafat recently formed a security committee to investigate the military activities of small Palestinian factions, it was reported here today.

According to the "confidential news" column of "Le Point" weekly magazine, Palestinian sources said President Arafat has put at the head of the committee, Salih Khalaf (Abu Iyad) and two officers of the "Force 17," elite commando group.

Instructions for forming the committee were given following the commando attack by forces of Mohammad Abbas of the Palestine Liberation Front on the beaches of Tel Aviv last month.

The US used this attack as pretext to suspend the dialogue with the PLO.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is trying to arrange a meeting of its 100-member central council for later this month, probably in mid-July, PLO officials said.

The officials said no firm date had been set but it would definitely take place after a meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis on July 16 and probably in the third week of July.

The council, which includes representatives of all the groups and mass organisations which make up the PLO, should meet twice a year but it has not met since October, also in Baghdad.

■ Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's top US and United Nations representative, Friday welcomed President Bush's remarks saying he wanted to renew the US-PLO dialogue and get "clarifications" from Israel on the stalled Mideast peace process.

But he wants the US to do more.

Rival Muslims clash in Sidon

One killed, 5 hurt

SIDON, July 7. (AP): Muslim fundamentalist Palestinians clashed with a Sunni Muslim militia in this southern port city today.

Police said at least one person was killed and five wounded.

A police spokesman said the two-hour clash with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades pitted the Palestinian Ansarullah faction against the Nasserite Popular Organisation.

Ansarullah, was formed recently in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ein El Hilweh on Sidon's edge. It groups fundamentalist Muslims allied with the Hamas group which is based in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

Mustafa Saad's Nasserite Popular Organisation, the dominant Sunni militia in Sidon, maintains close ties with Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named in line with regulations, said the clash broke out when an NPO checkpoint at Sidon's southeastern edge prevented five armed members of Ansarullah from entering the

city, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut.

The Ansarullah opened fire and the NPO militiamen responded in kind and each side sent reinforcements to the areas, the spokesman said.

He said the clash lasted for two hours, but tension remains high.

The firefight came a few days after a verbal assault by Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation against Hamas, accusing it of playing into Israel's hands.

The Palestine Al Thawra magazine, mouthpiece of the PLO, launched the attack against Hamas in a commentary in its latest edition.

The commentary was published by the independent Beirut newspaper An Nahar and other publications.

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Broadcasting news

World unity

LONDON (LPS): Nine major new television multi-national co-productions aimed at alerting the world to environmental issues that must be tackled to save the planet will be offered to broadcasting organisations in developing countries without charge.

The programmes comprising 12 hours of broadcasting time, were screened in Europe, Canada, Australasia and Japan as part of the One World project in late May. Their making followed an initial collaboration between the BBC and the West German network, ART.

They include a controversial drama, "The March," about a mass hunger march on Europe by famine stricken Africans, several documentaries, a series of debates recorded at the United Nations conference on the environment held in Bergen, Norway, and a specially staged debate at Potsdam, involving former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, Emma Kepel of East Germany's New Forum, and the Commonwealth Secretary General, Shridath Ramphal.

Among broadcasters contributing to the project are the Prince of Wales, who makes an impassioned call for a reassessment of man's relationship with the natural world in a one-hour documentary entitled "The Earth in Balance." He narrates while on location. Other contributors to the project include Pope John Paul II, Czechoslovakia's President Vaclav Havel, Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and West Germany's President Richard von Weizsäcker.

BBC director-general Michael Checkland said at the launch on 11 May that One World represented the first time international broadcasters had come together to produce such a range of programmes on a single theme.

In Britain the One World project was complemented by the printing of 300,000 information packs for viewers and schools, a telephone hotline for those wishing to contact local workers in the environmental field, and a massive printing of carrier bags for the major supermarkets bearing the legend: "A good planet is hard to find. Treasure this one."

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.21 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.27 pm
Magreb	6.51
Isha	8.22

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

CINEMA

Al Andalus	Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra	
Al Salimya	Arabic play
Al Hamra	
Al Meallimah Samah (Arabic)	
Starring: Ezzat Al Alaili, Madha Kamel	
Drive-In	
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)	
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra	
Al Firdous	
Kaun Jeeta Kaun Haara (Hindi)	
Starring: Suresh Oberoi, Aruna Irani	
Fahabeel Open-Air	
Tu Nagin Main Sapera (Hindi)	
Starring: Sumeet Saigal, Sonika Gill	
Al Fahabeel	
Red Heat	
Al Jaha	
Raat Ke Andhere Main (Hindi)	
Granada	
Closed	
Sulabikhat	
Hunaf Al Ahhah (Arabic)	
Al Jleeb	
Oru Vadakkan Veera Gadha (Malayalam)	
Ahmad Drive-in	
Al Raqassah Wal Siyassi (Arabic)	



Oriental magic

A well-known Chinese magician is currently performing at the Olympic Circus Tent at Kazma Sports Club. The International Festival of Magic, which is being held for the first time in Kuwait, opened last week to coincide with the Eid Al Adha holidays.

Some of the best and most amazing tricks are performed by a Chinese magician, who is one of the many performers at the show. Discounted tickets for students are also available. Pictures (left) show the Chinese magician performing a levitation act: (below) the magician holds a candelabra before doing the vanishing act.



Bon voyage

Filipino singer Andy Gabriel recently left Kuwait on a one year study grant to Canada. Before his departure, Andy's well-wishers celebrated his birthday and wished him bon voyage. The owners of Kabayan Restaurant, Rony Aurellano and Edward Racaza held a party in his honour. Andy (third left) seen with some of his friends.



Musical strain

Sitar player Edwin Dass, son of noted musician Walton Dass, will perform at the Indian Embassy Hall on July 19. His Sur Sangeet group plans to hold a musical evening. Edwin, who is said to have inherited his father's talent, has made a name for himself in the music circles in Kuwait. He has also performed on Kuwait TV and radio. He also teaches music and has

introduced several newcomers to the stage.

In next week's performance, he will be accompanied by several singers, including Dawood Iqbal, Qasim, Robert, Pall, Shailaja Bhargava, Shankar and Charlie and musicians

Robert, Raju, Prakas and Wilfred Daniel. The dancing sisters Valencia and Rosebud Daniel will also perform.

The Sur Sangeet group has held numerous shows in Kuwait and has made a niche for itself in musical circles.

Edwin Dass with his father Walton Dass (file photo)



KIH welcomes airline crew

The Kuwait International Hotel recently welcomed the Lulthausa crew at the hotel. Picture shows the airline's crew with the hotel's resident manager Anilone Sayegh.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Al Batt Al Khamasi: cartoons
9.40 Ifrah Ya Simsim (Sesame Street)
10.10 Waad Al Nahar: Arabic serial, starring: Azza Kamal, Mousa Fahmi.
11.15 Sabah Al Khair (Good Morning)

12.00 Al Kazaz: Arabic serial, Part 2. Starring: Hind Kamel, Nazar Al Samari, May Jamal, Fawzi Mahdi.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.30 Al Samafar: cartoon serial
2.00 Cartoons
2.30 Saif Haar: (Hot Summer), Arabic serial.
3.00 Min Hadei Al Quran: religious programme
3.30 Alif La La Wa La La

4.00 The Nightmare: English feature film
5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
6.30 Kana Ma Kana: children's serial

7.30 You and Your Health: presented by Dr Hussain Momin
8.00 Diwaniyah Shua'a Al Nabi: poetry session
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Rageeb La Yanan: "The Vigilantes", Arabic series. Starring: Ahmad Mazhar, Samiya Al Ali, Maha Ismael, Nawal Abul Futouh.

11.00 Makhluk Isma Al Mar'a (A Creation Named Woman), "Secretary", Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Shabira, Susan Badr.
12.20 News Summary
12.25 World News via Satellite
12.35 Holy Quran/Close-down



Kane and Abel, tonight's best-seller on KTV 2

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Macaroni: cartoon serial
6.30 The Beachcombers: "Stars of Wonder", A baby is born in the wilderness; because the infant is premature, only a miracle can save its life. Starring: Bruno Gerussi, Robert Clother.
7.00 Natural World: "The Serpent Embrace", Serpents in mythology; superstitions revolving around them and other cults.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Made-in-Kuwait: Start of a new local series on products around Kuwait. Also, a look at local industrial

development.
9.30 E.N.G. "Special Segment," News editor Mike assigns the reporters to prepare special reports on the American way of life. Terry's assignment — a profile on a doctor — turns out to be an exciting affair.

10.00 The Lenny Henry Show: comedy.
10.30 Best Seller: "Kane and Abel", based on Jeffrey Archer's best-selling novel of the same name. Starring: Peter Strauss, Sam O'Neil

12.00 News in Brief

12.10 Magazine D'Actualite: Close-down.

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

Sport

Scrabble tournament
July 20: Due to insistent ladies' demand, the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck) will sponsor an all female scrabble tournament. It will be held at the Kabayan Restaurant.

The tournament is open to all Filipinas in Kuwait. It will be conducted in two stages.

Registration is now open at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sunday, July 15, 1990. Trophies and valuable gift items await the winners. For more information call 2402405 — Liza.

Social
Approb 'Who's Who' directory
THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salma, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Kapilku
July 19: Kapilku awards certificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring, bookkeeping, basic accounts and basic computer courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Araliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Mawiyah Mohumad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner, KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go towards the school fund.

Those who attended self-improvement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarim-bang. Tel: 4839009, 4839889, 4843447.

Mushehra
July 26: A mushaira (an evening of Urdu poetry) will be held at the home of Tahir Kaifi. All Urdu poets are invited to take part. Start: 10 pm sharp.

LIL
July 9: LIL will be holding their monthly big meeting on Monday, at Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom A, for a social evening, from 7 to 10 pm. For details contact Julie — Tel: 5391150.

Hotels

At the Meridien
La Brasserie
Thai Corner: Saturday night. CowBoy Night: Every Sunday, with live country music. Chinese Corner: Monday night feature.

Greek Taverna: Mediterranean magic with bouzouki music.

Indonesian corner: on Wednesdays; food prepared in front of you.

Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday night.

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day.

Versailles: Business lunch; and a la carte dinner.

At the International
Faihaka: situated on the 19th floor, overlooking the coastline; it offers international cuisine; live entertainment in the evenings. Closed on Fridays.

La Palmera: offers buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Kai: offers Japanese dining in an oriental atmosphere.

La Patisserie: selection of snacks; pianist in the evenings.

Al Waha: ice cream promotion featuring different flavours, until August 1990.

Theatre

Natya Bharati
Natya Bharati calls amateur dramatists to audition for their fourth Hindi production entitled "Badi Bujji" (The Big Aunt), a full-length comedy which will be performed in mid-October. Required a female lead, young smart lady, past stage experience would be an asset, two supporting actresses.

Al Mawardi Open-Air Cafeteria: open from 6 pm to midnight.

Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.

At the Mespil Beach
Al Mubarakah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdouneh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

Gastronomy

Sept 21: Goan comedy king Al Bano: Jacob will present the comedy "Pergaum" (announcement) at Indian Arts Circle. The programme will be organised by Menini de Fernandez: 2435685; 2435688 after 8.30 am for further details.

Music

Sur Sangeet
July 19: A musical evening will be presented by Sur Sangeet group to say farewell to outgoing Indian Second Secretary S.M. Mathur. Singers participating in the show include Valencia, Rosebud, Laxmi, Charlie, Shahnawaz Karim.

Cinema

British Council July 14/15; 6.30 pm. "The Shooting Party," (92 minutes). They are elegant, arrogant and assured. They dine, shoot, gossip and flirt. But then, it is 1913 and disturbing undercurrents lie beneath the glittering facade of this film. James Mason's swan song. Winner of the Best of the British Director Award. Admission free. But reservations must be made. Tel: 2533204; 2533227.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Norway oil output returns to normal

OSLO: July 7, (AP): Norway's offshore oil platforms were gearing up for full production today after the last hold-outs ended a six-day strike, news reports said.

About 300 wildcat strikers on North Sea platforms operated by the Norwegian state oil company Statoil returned to work late yesterday and early today, the Norwegian news agency NTB reported.

Statoil officials told the news agency that production of about 1.2 million barrels of oil per day on the Statfjord, Gullfaks and Vestlefjord fields was expected to return to normal this weekend.

The government had Monday invoked compulsory arbitration to end a one-day legal strike that stopped Norway's production of 1.6 million barrel a day of oil and 1.8 billion cubic metres of natural gas a month.

■ Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer left Qatar today after talks with its leaders on ways to stabilise the oil market, the Qatari News Agency said.

It said Nazer met Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Last week the Saudi minister visited two other Gulf Arab members of Opec, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The talks dealt with regional petroleum co-operation "in the light of efforts exerted by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stabilise the world oil market," said the agency, received in Cyprus.

Nazer later arrived in Baghdad with a message from King Fahd to President Saddam Hussein on the situation in the oil market, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

After Saudi Arabia, Iraq has the world's largest proven oil reserves and both are especially anxious to avoid a further price slump.

■ Foreign ministers from four Opec countries due to visit Iran in August have asked to meet President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to discuss how to stabilise oil prices, the Iranian news agency Irna said today.

It said the ministers from Algeria, Nigeria, Venezuela and Indonesia would also visit Gulf Arab states as part of a tour agreed during the G-16 meeting of Third World countries in Kuala Lumpur in June.

The agency quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as telling ambassadors of the four countries in Tehran that Iran welcomed efforts by Opec to stabilise the oil market.

"We back co-operation and co-ordination among the Opec members which will prevent oil price falls and safeguard their interests," Velayati said.

■ Venezuela will allow transnational companies to invest in its oil industry in high risk areas where high technology is needed to explore for oil and exploit it, authorities said yesterday.

Andres Sosa Pietri, president of Venezuela's state-owned oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, said foreign participation in oil exploitation would be limited in order to protect the industry, which was nationalised in 1976.

Sosa Pietri said certain areas of joint investment were being studied, and would come under Article 5 of the nationalisation, which allows for private and foreign investment in areas where oil is difficult to extract and requires high technology.

Sosa Pietri said the national petroleum project — which foresees an increase in production from the current 2.7 million barrels per day to 3.1 million bpd in 1993 and 3.6 million bpd in 1995 — will remain under government ownership.

■ The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will hold talks with the Malaysian national oil corporation (Petronas) on the possibility of establishing business ventures in the petrochemicals sector, its manager for East Asia and the Pacific, Mumtaz Khan said in Kuala Lumpur today.

He said this was in view of the vast potential of the sector in Malaysia given its large oil reserves and Petronas' commitment to produce value-added petrochemical products such as fertilisers and gas.

He told newsmen after a presentation on IFC's operations at the IFC-federal treasury seminar, besides loans, the World Bank affiliate could also provide expertise in technical appraisal.

Third World debt doubles to \$1.2 trillion: UN

GENEVA, July 7, (UPI): Third World debt doubled in the past decade to a current staggering \$1.2 trillion and will keep growing without urgent action by the rich nations, a specially-commissioned UN report warned today.

Former Italian Premier Bettino Craxi was in charge of the project and handed a preliminary version to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar at a ceremony at UN European headquarters.

The report called above all for increased official aid, rescheduling of

debt over 30 or even 40 years, and free trade areas between wealthy industrial nations and respective nearby developing countries.

The "Craxi report" as it was named said the debt problem "is a responsibility for rich countries towards poor ones."

The 800 million people in wealthy countries should help the 4 billion in the poor nations, it said, because it is unjust that 70 per cent of world income "is produced and enjoyed" by only 15 per cent of the population.

People in Third World countries receive an average 2,385 calories a day against 3,375 in the industrial countries and life expectancy is only 47 years in black Africa against 77 years in Western nations.

"The mortality rate of mothers is nine out of 100,000 inhabitants in the United States, 1,500 in Nigeria and 500 in India," Craxi stated in his report.

And now there is the additional problem of bringing the "command economy" of Eastern Europe into "the free trade mainstream," he said.

Craxi lauded the ability of several Asian countries to reduce their debt burden by increasing exports and reinvesting domestic earnings.

"The debt crisis can be overcome when the state and the market-oriented sectors of the economy operate correctly," he said in the report. "People are prepared to make sacrifices and there exist financial institutions underpinning this process."

Rich countries must firstly meet the target — established by the UN for a September conference on Third World

debt in Paris — of increasing development aid from 0.35 per cent of Gross National Product to 0.75 per cent.

Then, the report continued, other major industrial countries should copy the US plan for a free trade area with Mexico which can be extended southwards in the Caribbean and Latin America and northwards to Canada.

Previous debt alleviation actions must be followed up by rescheduling debt over 30 or 40 years and reducing interest rates, and eliminating debt

servicing completely for the poorest countries, it said.

"A specific effort must be made in order to support Eastern European countries during the transition phase to carry out a rapid shift towards market-oriented economies, without incurring social troubles," Craxi said.

■ A UN-commissioned report today urged the seven leading industrial nations to take new steps to ease the Third World debt burden when their heads of state meet at next week's economic summit.



Kaifu sings along

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu sings along with a group of schoolchildren during his arrival at Ellington Air Force Base on Friday. Kaifu is in Houston for the upcoming economic summit. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gatt must take swift decisions

EPG report

GENEVA, July 7, (Kuna): World leaders must take swift decisions to make politically painful reforms if the Uruguay round of multilateral trade negotiations are to succeed, with the December deadline fast approaching, according to a report just released by the 'Eminent Persons Group on world trade' (EPG).

Established earlier this year by a group of political and business leaders widely experienced in economic and trade issues and drawn from different regions, the 15-member EPG also had on its panel the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia, Ismail Kheil, and Ali Alatas, foreign minister of Indonesia.

Otto Graf Lambsdorff, chairman of the Free Democratic Party of the Federal Republic of Germany, is the chairman of the EPG.

The report underlines that for success to be achieved at the end of the four year term of the most ambitious trade round launched at Uruguay, all members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) will have to make politically painful reforms.

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trade increase. The consequence of failure would be increasing conflict even among supposed allies, the EPG says.

For the European Economic Community, Japan and quite a number of other industrial countries, the most painful concessions will have to be in agriculture, where the round's success would not be coming down, as had been expected earlier.

The Labour Department said 97,000 jobs were added to the nation's payrolls in June. That was less than the market was expecting — but, at the same time, May's employment figures were heavily revised upwards.

Currency traders said the net effect was to reverse market sentiment that the Federal Reserve would ease credit. New expectations of steady US short-term interest rates supported the dollar.

In recent days, the yen had strengthened on assumptions of a more accommodative US credit policy and a rumored Bank of Japan discount rate hike, so the employment figures dealt Japan's unit a hard blow.

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Japan may resume loans to Beijing

Tokyo wants to shift G-7 away from aiding Soviets

HOUSTON, July 7, (Agencies): After reshaping their military doctrine, the most powerful Western nations are quickly refocusing on what may prove a more volatile security concern in the new decade — the economic landscape.

US President George Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu got a jump on the seven-nation economic summit, which officially begins on Monday, with a bilateral meeting scheduled today. The other leaders were arriving over the weekend and on Monday for the three days of talks starting Monday.

US officials expected Kaifu to tell Bush that Tokyo is going ahead

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Kaifu arrived on Friday. Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Brian Mulroney of Canada were arriving later today, and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, French President Francois Mitterrand and Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti were coming on Monday.

The seven — leaders of the world's richest democracies — faced a full, likely contentious agenda, ranging from whether to provide the Soviet Union with cash and other direct assistance to how to resolve a family trade fight involving billions of dollars in agricultural subsidies.

Bush and Kaifu were set to confer over lunch, a session likely to include a briefing from the President on the Nato summit that concluded in London on Friday. Japan is the lone participant in the economic summit which is not a member of the G-7.

Kaifu, for his part, was expected to advance a proposal for the Western countries to lift their ban on providing development loans to China. Japan wants the loan prohibition eased in order to resume a five-year \$5.2-billion credit package.

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Renault offers to take over Mack

ALLEGTON, Pennsylvania, July 7. (UPI): Mack Trucks Inc.'s largest shareholder announced yesterday a \$6-a-share offer to purchase all outstanding stock of the financially troubled truck-maker.

Renault Vehicles Industries, which holds 44.5 per cent of Mack's common stock, said it would pay cash for the other 55.5 per cent. The French automaker also owns a warrant and convertible debentures of Mack that, if exercised, would increase its ownership to 61.1 per cent.

Based on approximately 29.75 million shares outstanding, Renault would pay a total of nearly \$100 million for the 55.5 per cent Mack stake.

Earlier yesterday afternoon, the price of Mack stock was trading at \$6.50 a share, up \$1.25 on the day, in the over-the-counter market.

In Paris, Jean-Pierre Capron, president of the state-owned Renault heavy vehicle subsidiary, sharply criticised Mack and said he wanted to buy the company outright to give Renault a free hand to "rationalise production and employees."

Capron said the jobs of 1,000 of the 7,300 employees at Mack would have to be eliminated. Mack operates plants in Allentown and in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Mack laid off 1,200 people last autumn and 500 others were let go over the last two weeks.

"Mack is without doubt the worst purchaser in the United States," Capron said. "The management of stocks is non-existent and the productivity of labour clearly behind that of the competitors."

"We reflected a lot about two possible outcomes — selling everything or buying everything," Capron said. "Selling would have been easy. But Mack represents 13 per cent of the American market for (trucks of) over 15 tonnes. We did not want to content ourselves by merely being the main producer in southern Europe with 12 percent of the European market."

Mack, which lost \$185.4 million in 1989, said in a statement that results for the company's second quarter, to be released later this month, are expected to show losses increased from \$33.9 million in the first quarter to \$90 million, including a special charge of \$21 million to cover warranty liabilities. A \$130 million loss is anticipated for the year, Mack said.

However, when Mack released first-quarter results, President Ralph Reins said that "we knew this would be the most difficult quarter of 1990" and optimistically expected improvements throughout the year.

AT and T to lay off 3,000 workers

NEW YORK, July 7. (UPI): American Telephone and Telegraph Co. is to announce up to 3,000 layoffs in its network services division next week, the Communications Workers of America said yesterday.

"On Tuesday, July 10th, AT and T will announce a major layoff in its network services division nationwide," the union said. "Numbers can reach as high as 3,000."

AT and T confirmed that an announcement regarding its workforce in the network services division will be made next week.

"We cannot deny the CWA statement," an AT and T spokesman said. "But we do not have the figures now. We'll make a statement and disclose the figures next week."

The CWA, one of the two main unions representing AT and T workers together with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said about 300 workers would be laid off in the New York-New Jersey area.

"In the New York-New Jersey area, the numbers is thought to be approximately 300 people," the Washington-based union said.

In April, AT and T reached an agreement with the CWA and the IBEW about a plan to offer employees in its network services division.

At that time AT and T, while expressing hope that a large enough number of workers would take advantage of the incentives, said it would resort to layoffs if it had to.

US rate move not seen before budget accord

WASHINGTON, July 7. (Reuters): Slow but steady US economic growth gives the Federal Reserve little reason to lower interest rates and the Central Bank's next move largely depends on a budget deficit reduction package, economists say.

Financial markets have been expecting the Fed, which controls the country's money supply, to loosen its grip on credit if the economy shows signs of significant weakness.

But yesterday's report showing the unemployment rate dropping to 5.2 per cent in June from 5.3 per cent in May

dashed hopes of an immediate drop in interest rates.

Government officials and economists say they believe the Fed would move if Congress and the White House agree to a budget package reducing the \$160 billion budget deficit by at least \$50 billion.

"I just know what (Federal Reserve chairman) Alan Greenspan tells me... which is simply this — that a budget agreement would produce lower interest rates," said Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady in a television interview.

"And we could look to the Fed, I believe his comments indicate, for lower interest rates at that time."

He and other administration officials, with an eye towards the November congressional elections and a second four-year term for President George Bush, have made it clear they would like to see the Fed act more quickly.

Brady, apparently disappointed that the central bank at this week's policymaking meeting did not heed a White House call for lower rates, turned up the political heat in comments to

reporters.

"We are below the administration's growth goals and we would like to get back on that path again as soon as possible," he told a small group of reporters on Thursday.

The administration had forecast that gross national product (GNP) would grow 2.6 per cent this year, but growth in the first quarter was slower, at 1.9 per cent annual rate.

The slow level of growth suits the Fed which is struggling to contain the 4.5 per cent inflation rate.

Lyle Gramley, chief economist with

the mortgage bankers association and a former Fed governor, believes that if Congress and the administration agree on a solid package of spending cuts and tax increases that reduces the fiscal 1991 deficit by at least \$50 billion, the Fed would lower rates, maybe as much as full percentage point.

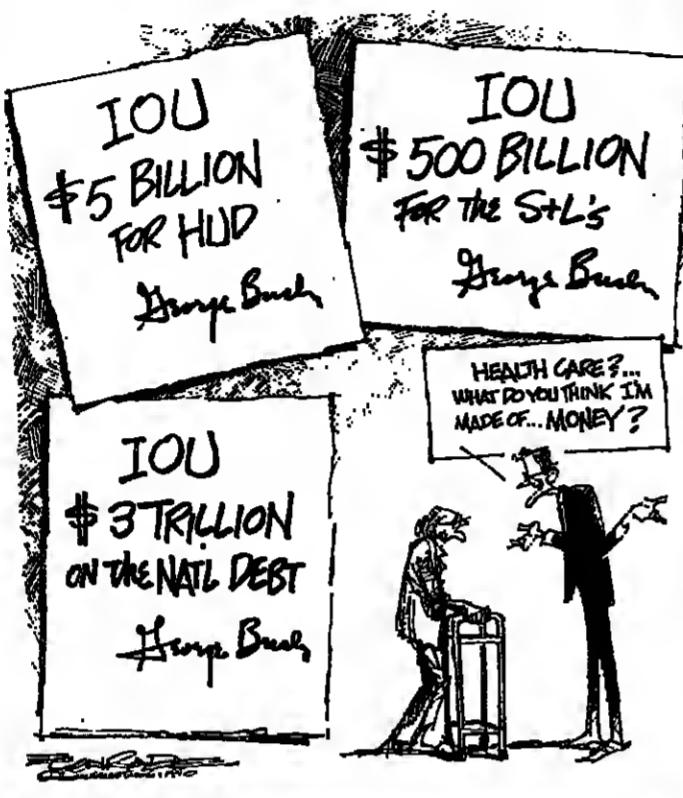
The Fed last lowered rates in December when it lowered by a quarter of a percentage point the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other for overnight loans, to around 8.25 per cent.

The policymaking federal open

market committee met this week to discuss the US economy and the course for monetary policy over the next several weeks.

Decisions made at the July 2-3 meeting will not be known until after next week when chairman Greenspan testifies on Fed policy and its semi-annual report to Congress before the Senate Banking Committee on July 18.

Although the Labour Department reported yesterday that the US jobless rate had dipped in June, the number of new jobs created was only 40,000, far below the number expected by Wall Street economists.



2 companies sell divisions

US jobless rate slips

NEW YORK, July 7. (UPI): The quiet week in business, punctuated by the independence day holiday, witnessed two companies selling off divisions to sort out their financial problems.

Ingersoll Publications Co. said Monday it was selling its US publishing holdings to E.W. Warburg Picus and Co.

Warburg will buy Ingersoll's stock in three companies that publish newspapers in New Haven, Connecticut, St. Louis, and Trenton, New Jersey, as well as in Ohio and New York.

Ingersoll will acquire Warburg's 50 per cent holding in Ingersoll Publications Ltd., which publishes English and Irish newspapers.

Ingersoll's Community Newspapers Inc. unit has been suffering under an increasingly poor debt situation, while Ingersoll Newspapers Inc. had a loss of \$30 million from the St. Louis Sun, a newspaper that was launched last year but folded after seven months.

The troubled Western Union Corp. said it plans to sell much of its business services group to American Telephone and Telegraph Co. for \$180 million in cash.

But Western Union must complete a debt restructuring plan to avoid bankruptcy proceedings before the transaction can be completed.

The companies said the transaction should be completed by Sept. 30.

Under the plan, AT&T, which will then hold a 40 per cent market share in the electronic mail industry, would combine its electronic messaging businesses with Western Union's EasyLink Electronic Mail Business, telex operations and other services such as voice mail and electronic data interchange.

But AT&T, which predicted lower-than-expected second-quarter earnings, is expected to announce next week that it is laying off at least 3,000 workers in its network services division as part of a plan to trim its staff by 13,000 this year.

Boeing Co., the recipient of a huge \$6.4 billion order from British Airways for 33 new 747-400 jet planes, said it would lay off 2,700 people this year, bringing

to 5,600 the number of people forced to leave the aircraft manufacturing giant in 1990.

N.Y. Philips announced plans Monday to cut 10,000 jobs and also predicted a loss of about \$1.07 billion for 1990.

Job cuts will be primarily in Europe, the Netherlands-based electronics manufacturer said. The company also said it plans a restructuring to bolster its troubled computer and semiconductor operations.

Second-quarter operating earnings of major oil companies are expected to decline on average from a year ago as a result of lower crude oil, chemical and natural gas prices, industry analysts said.

But actual net earnings of some companies may rise and run counter to the trend as a result of one-time items, such as property sales, and to the extent companies focus on refining and marketing, where margins are higher, the analysis said.

The oil companies will begin reporting their earnings for the second quarter ended June 30 in about two weeks, the analysts said.

Those with a stronger relative presence in refining and marketing, such as Exxon Corp., Royal Dutch/Shell and Chevron Corp., stand to benefit from this year's higher refinery margins stemming from lower crude prices and relatively higher prices for gasoline and other refined products.

The best news came from Washington, where the Commerce Department reported factory order rose 2.1 per cent in May after dropping 2.1 per cent in April and climbing 4 per cent in March.

The department said new orders to domestic factories increased to \$240.98 billion after falling to \$236.03 billion in April and rising to \$241.07 billion in March.

Orders in May were strongest for durable goods and for transportation equipment, the department said.

The Labour Department said yesterday the nation's jobless rates slipped to 5.2 per cent in June on a burst of hiring in the health industry and other service sectors of the economy.

Volume on the big board averaged 125.07 million shares a day, against 140.55 million the week before.

Investment themes have come and gone with stunning speed on Wall Street in the past few years. So few analysts are ready to declare with any certainty that the growth stocks' comeback is broken for a long run.

When and if interest rates fall further and the economy shows signs of picking up momentum, the search for bargains in the market could well shift to industrial and other cyclical companies with close ties to the business cycle.

In any event, nobody claims it's easy to pick winning growth stocks that can sustain their performance over periods of years rather than weeks.

A single quarterly earnings disappointment has been enough to knock many a glamour stock off its perch of late.

But for the moment at least, the trend seems indisputable. "We are in a growth stock market," said John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "Our strategy continues to have consumer growth issues at the core of our portfolio."

Meanwhile, treasury bond prices fell sharply in the United States yesterday in response to employment figures that dimmed the prospects for lower interest rates.

Citibank and Bell Atlantic, respectively, previously submitted the highest bids for the two halves of the state-owned telephone company. Menem vowed to sell several money-losing government-owned companies, including the railroads and the gas company as part of budget cut designed to lower both inflation and Argentina's \$69 billion external debt.

Iberia's offer came as other potential bidders decided to forgo the opportunity to secure Argentina's largest airline, which has a debt of more than \$800 million, an airline spokesman said.

American Airlines, Alitalia, Varig of Brazil, KLM and Air France all withdrew from the bidding, government sources said.

Menem said after the presentation that he "has confidence in the future of Argentina," and thought the investment worthwhile.

"Money is a coward and goes where the investment is worthy. We have confidence and hope in Argentina's future," Menem said.

Though only one company made a bid, Menem cautioned the government may decide to turn down Iberia's offer and reopen negotiations.

Japan investment returns: The average rate of investment returns of all stocks listed in the major section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange started at 22.4 per cent in 1989, up from 14.6 per cent in the preceding year, the Japan securities research institute has reported.

The institute said Thursday the rate was above 40 per cent in 1986 and 1987 but the 1989 figure was almost on a par with an average 22.8 per cent over the last 10 years.

The annualised rate shows total earnings gained from buying shares at an average price in the preceding year and selling them at an average price in the following year. The returns include dividends but exclude commissions and taxes paid. (UPI)

Environ fund booming: Riding on growing environmental concern, stock investment funds for corporations related to environmental preservation are making a hit on the trust fund market, according to securities company officials in Tokyo.

The officials said the boom reflects an increasing awareness of the urgent need to protect the world's ailing ecology.

Dain Securities Co. was the pioneer in this field, introducing an investment fund for environmental conservation-related stocks in June.

The company said it has collected 34 billion yen (\$225.2 million), far above the targeted 25 billion yen (\$165.6 million), and will invest the fund in some 80 stocks, 30 Japanese and 50 foreign, with 80 per cent of the fund going to foreign stocks. (UPI)

Kyotaro purchases: Kyotaro Co. Ltd., a major Japanese restaurant chain, announced Thursday it has bought Best Western Food Inc., a meat processing company in Los Angeles, California, for \$41.26 million to supply beef for the Japanese market, officials and news reports said.

Japan, under pressure from the United States, agreed in 1988 to drop quotas on imported beef products by April 1, 1991. In response, Japanese food companies have been actively buying ranches overseas to continue to supply beef to their customers through Japanese sources. (UPI)

Car off general strike: Italian trade unions on Friday called off a general strike planned for July 11 after agreeing with the government and private employers to renegotiate wage-bargaining systems.

The three main trade union confederations announced their decision in a statement issued by the prime minister's office after a day of talks among ministers, the private employers' association confindustria and the unions. (Reuters)

Major role for private sector: The Namibian government, announcing its first budget since obtaining independence on Friday declared war on poverty and promised a major role for the private sector.

"It is not the intention of the Namibian government to rely on handouts and to develop the detrimental dependency syndrome," Finance Minister Otto Herrigel told parliament. (AP)

Jamaica fails to meet target: Jamaica's Central Bank said on Friday the country failed to meet the March foreign exchange reserves test set by the International Monetary Fund.

Jamaica has the highest per capita foreign debt in the world — about \$4.3 billion — and most of it is owed to the IMF and international agencies. (Reuters)

Down Chemicals gaining: Dow chemicals of the United States, which left South Korea in 1982 because of financial reasons, has returned to the country seeking joint ventures in the petrochemical sector, industry sources said in Seoul Friday.

They disclosed that the company actually made its return to South Korea in 1988 to form partnerships with the lucky group, Hannam Chemicals Corporation and Tayyoung.

In March of that year, Dow signed a 80-20 per cent deal with Tayyoung to set up the Ulsan Pacific Chemical Corporation, due to go into full production in September this year. (Reuters)

Tokyo rice price cut: Under US pressure Japan to open its rice market, the government Friday decided to cut by only 1.5 per cent the price it will pay to rice farmers this year.

The price cut is the first in two years, but it is much less than some government officials were hoping for to stem US criticism of Japan's rice market, which is

virtually closed to imports. (AP)

Sumitomo bank in Berlin: Major Japanese Commercial Bank Sumitomo said Thursday it will open a representative office in East Berlin Friday to provide customers with information on the changing situation in East Germany.

"With the unification of Germany being anticipated, the needs of our customers for information on economy, trade and finance in East Germany are increasing," an official of the Tokyo-based bank said.

The new office will expand the bank's overseas network to include 19 branches, 23 representative offices and three agencies, including two branches and one representative office in Germany, the bank said. (UPI)

Imported car sales high: Imported car sales in Japan for the first half of 1990 jumped 39.7 per cent over a year ago to hit an all-time high of 112,528 units, the Automobile Importers Association announced Thursday.

Imported car sales accounted for 3.7 percent of the total vehicle sales on the Japanese market for the January-June period of this year.

Investcorp buys Saks Fifth Avenue: INVESTCORP, an international investment group, and Melvin Jacobs, chairman and chief executive officer of Saks Fifth Avenue, announced on July 2, 1990 the completion of the purchase of Saks Fifth Avenue by Investcorp from Batus, Inc., the US holding and management company of BAT Industries PLC.

Investcorp and Jacobs jointly announced that Jacobs will continue as chief executive officer of Saks, and has been re-elected to serve as chairman of Saks' Board of Directors. Investcorp also announced that Burton Tansky, Saks' president, has also been elected to Saks' board.

Jacobs said, "I have been with Saks for many years under BAT's ownership, and they have supported Saks throughout a period of growth and development. Over the past two months, I have had the opportunity to get to know Investcorp and their approach to investments. I am pleased to continue as chairman of Saks and to join Investcorp, as an owner, in the purchase of Saks from BAT

Many of us are wearing hues that make Valerie Dugay want to cry!

I'm not sure I like your tone ...

By Claire Lockhart

NEVER underestimate the power of colour. It can bring out the best or the worst in you. Wearing the wrong hues can show up blotches, drain the colour from your face or even age you by emphasising all those shadows and wrinkles, says image designer Valerie Dugay.

She told me: "Most women find colours which they think, or which people say suit them. Then they stick to them. And quite often we are wearing colours maybe our mothers put us into when we were younger, colours our parents liked which aren't so good for us."

Valerie, who runs a colour counselling business, said: "It's the difference between looking your very best and looking just good. We can all wear black and white but we won't all look our best."

But help is at hand. By examining hair colour, eye colour and, most importantly, the undertone of your skin, Valerie will identify your colours and then throw out the unflattering items in your wardrobe. "An unsuitable colour might show up blotches on the face, jowls you'd rather disguise and pull your eyes down," she said.

"But a colour which suits your skin tone appears to light up your face, emphasises the colour in your eyes and makes skin flaws recede."

Using different swatches of colour under customers' faces, Valerie decides what colours suit different skin tones, which colours flatter you and which colours do nothing for you.

"No woman has 'no' special fortune on clothes," she told me. "She just has to use her brains and a bit of restraint when shopping. You spend so much money buying the wrong things. You go into a shop and are attracted to a colour maybe because somebody else looks good in it. But it may not be the best for you."

"So my job is like helping people look at themselves in a different way, because we don't see ourselves the way others do. Having someone advise you does make a lot of difference."

"So in turn you'll need fewer clothes in your wardrobe because the clothes you buy, you're going to be able to wear more. They will all work together for you."

"And if you have your colours working for you, you'll need only a few pairs of shoes in your colours."

The concept of colour coordination is highly scientific, according to Valerie. You either have a warm skin tone or a cool one. And by examining your hair colour, eye colour and the undertones of your skin, she will iden-



Valerie examines your eye colour and hair colour as well as the undertones of your skin to identify your seasonal colour grouping.



Valerie demonstrates how different colours emphasise shadows and blotches while other colours flatter you.

Brighton, Sussex explained: "Everyone will fall into one of the four colour 'seasons' depending entirely on their natural skin tone and the reaction of their features to particular colours.

Valerie demonstrates how different colours emphasise shadows and blotches while other colours flatter you.

The winter colours are full of

dramatic contrasts, black and white and "bright, clear, vibrant colours bringing facial features and skin tones to life," said Valerie. "Cool" summers are enhanced by soft, misted ashen shades, whereas bright colours will emphasise facial lines and shadowed areas."

Light, bright colours should be used by "warm" springs, who should stay away from subtler shades which tend to leave them looking a little washed out.

"Golden" autumns will improve their glow with yellow-based reds and browns as blue tones will create a sallow looking complexion," she said.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of my work is showing women how beautiful they can be, so that they feel better about themselves."

Valerie recently returned from two years in Nairobi where she worked with several ambassadors' wives. "It was quite amazing," she said. "You'd think African skins would all be the same season but they weren't. I had spring, winter and autumn.

"When you see people in the wrong colours, you can see they're not in harmony. I tell the people who come to me to take the swatch of their colours to their wardrobe and get the

clothes that are in harmony with their swatch to one side of the wardrobe and the other colours to the other side."

"Then they start weeding out the not-so-good colours and start bringing in their best colours. That can take two years but it's worth it."

"Fashion dictates colour usually. At one time it was all black and white and everybody had to wear those strong colours because they were in all the shops. But if you look long and hard enough, you will find your colours."

"And if you have your colours done, you'll never claim you haven't a thing to wear again, according to Valerie. "When you look in the wardrobe and you see a whole jumble of colours and clothes and shoes, you just don't know what to go for. But if you have your colours done and you've got them co-ordinating, you find them mix and match better."

The right colours not only make you look better but feel better too. She said: "When you go to your wardrobe in the morning, you think, 'I feel like this colour today.' It normally means your body is needing that kind of energy from that colour."

"Red is a great colour for interviews. In fact you can even clinch a sales deal by wearing red."

"It's a colour full of energy. And if you notice, the restaurant chain MacDonalds is painted in red and orange colours and it's a place where people eat quickly and then to on their way. They've chosen that colour to get people moving. They don't want people relaxing over their food. They want them in and out."

"I'm sure a lot of companies are into colour. Red is a good colour for working with. They don't use it in banks because people can't concentrate too well with red."

"Green is a good colour for concentrating and stimulating in an office environment."

Valerie has worked on women of all ages up to 80 and many then send their husbands along for a session. "A lot of men haven't got a great deal of confidence in themselves," she said. "Obviously I don't talk to them about make-up colours. We do suits and co-ordinating shirts. Quite often you see a man in a super suit and he has got white socks on — which spoils the whole image instead of having it co-ordinating."

"It is important for men to be in harmony as well as women. They are just as anxious in these hard-sell days to present a good image the business world is well aware of image in the workplace."

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Nepal's environmental disaster

Nepal's economy

Hard times

By Jan Sharma

KATHMANDU, Nepal: The recently appointed interim government in Nepal faces a full-scale environmental and agricultural crisis. The country may have to seek food aid as population growth has overtaken food production, according to a new government white paper.

Finance Minister Dr Devendra Rai Pandey blames poor government supplies of fertiliser, seeds, irrigation and credit to farmers for the food shortage though he notes some growth in fish stocks and the production of fruit and vegetables. He points out that Nepal was a net exporter of rice in the 1960s.

The previous "panchayat" (local council) system of administration was corrupt and brought the economy close to collapse, says the Finance Ministry report. Despite substantial investment, agricultural output grew at only 2.4 percent a year compared with an annual population growth of 2.7 percent. Food production grew at less than 1.2 percent per year.

The food shortage is likely to get worse as the country's population, put at 17 million in the census in 1981, increases to a projected 24 million by 2000.

According to Agriculture Ministry officials, food production per head is below the level of the 1970s, making Nepal one of the poorest in South Asia.

Distribution of imported food aid is not easy since the onset of the monsoon at the end of June leaves many foothills and mountain areas cut off by floods and landslides as roads and bridges are swept away.

Deforestation has exacerbated the flooding with rivers becoming dry and soil and detritus swept down the increasingly bare hillsides by rain. Loss of topsoil has also worsened flooding by speeding up the run-off into the rivers.

Forestry Minister Jhal Nath Khanal recently admitted that the interim government had been unable to prevent widespread deforestation by "reactionary elements out to destroy democracy."

Thousands of hectares of forest are still being cut down and large amounts of timber smuggled across the border to India according to recent reports. Members of Parliament have been accused of involvement in the illegal trade.

But trees are also cut down by villagers for fuelwood and building timber. Farmers are clearing forest as the shortage of fertile land becomes more acute, but the exposed soil is rapidly exhausted, requiring more forest to be cleared.

Migrants from the hills are also contributing to degradation of the terai (plains) through over-grazing and forest clearance.

The Finance Ministry says there are about 5.5 million hectares (13.6 million acres) of forest, with at least 570,000 hectares (1.4 million acres) lost in the past 26 years. Some estimates put the area lost at nearly 4 million hectares (9.9 million acres).

The Royal Nepal Academy of Science and Technology says 50,000 hectares of forest are cut down each year for fuelwood, which provides around 90 per cent of the country's energy needs.

These reports have cast some doubts on the effectiveness of the 22-year US\$ 1.7 billion Forestry Master Plan launched last year and backed by the Asian Development Bank and the Finnish Agency for International Development (Finida).

It was originally intended to boost fuelwood and timber production as well as protect the environment, but like some previous community forest programmes it seems to have fallen foul of politicians. The government now says the plan is being revised to meet the needs of villagers.

In May the government dissolved all ten forest area consolidation commissions covering 19 districts suffering acute deforestation. The commissions were intended to rehabilitate landless peasants, but were accused of corruption from their very inception.

The government has also launched a River Training Project involving the building of spurs and embankments along flood-prone rivers, in an attempt to minimise riverbank erosion and the loss of agricultural land.

Erosion, sedimentation, shifts in the course of rivers and changes in river-bed levels are common because of Nepal's weak geology, high levels of seismic activity, heavy monsoon rains and run-off from high altitude glacial lakes.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Diabetics should take good care of feet

QUESTION: I just went through a frightening episode with my husband that I don't want to see again. He suffers from diabetes, and suddenly he developed an infection in his foot that was very difficult to cure. He is better now, but we would like to know any tips you may have that could help us to prevent this from happening again. I'm certain there are many other readers of your column who could use this information as well.

ANSWER: Your problems were not unique, for it is estimated that of the more than 12 million people with diabetes in this country, more than 25 per cent will develop some type of severe foot or leg problem during their lifetime. In fact the seriousness of the situation can be shown by the fact that about two-thirds of all the amputations, not resulting from accident or trauma, are caused by diabetes, resulting in about 40,000 amputations yearly. About 20 per cent of all hospitalizations of those suffering from diabetes are due to foot infections, resulting in more hospital days than for any other complication of the disease.

It makes good sense to spend a bit of time in foot care to prevent these terrible problems. Here are a few tips:

Don't walk around without slippers or shoes because a bare foot is one that is easily injured by anything lying in your path. Don't cut off precious circulation to the feet by wearing tight shoes or garters. And don't cross your legs while sitting since that also can reduce blood flow. While bathing feet daily in warm (not hot) water is a fine idea for cleanliness sake, soaking feet for long periods of time (unless upon doctor's advice) is a bad idea that can be made worse if the feet are not carefully dried after each bath.

Make sure toenails are trimmed neatly, but don't take a chance by cutting yourself by trimming your own corns and calluses. Change socks daily, wear clean cotton or wool socks that you have checked carefully for the presence of any holes. Holes, even darned ones, create rough edges that can lead to irritation and then infection, so it is best to discard any that have been better days.

And, as if I haven't said this before, do not smoke because smoking reduces the circulation of blood to your feet. A little time in checking your feet each day, reporting any changes to your doctor, is time well spent in preventing the serious infections that can occur.

YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW: The wonderful sense of hearing is too precious a gift to lose because we neither understand how it works, nor take the healthy living precautions to preserve it. The fact is that excessive noise or sound can do real harm to the extremely sensitive mechanism that provides us with so many wonderful moments, and gives us the ability to communicate so easily.

If noise is a problem in your work or home environment, you will be interested in obtaining the brochure "A Helpful Guide to Ear Protection" by requesting it from the E.A.R. Division, Cabot Corporation, 5474 West 79th Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268 USA. A stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope is required. This 12-page brochure gives suggestions on keeping your ears healthy and keeping your world quiet and provides the warning signs of hearing damage. It features a chart showing sound levels ranging from a soft whisper to a chain saw. Some of the products produced by this company are also illustrated and described.

Dr Allan Bruckheim welcomes questions from readers. Although he cannot respond to each one individually, he will answer those of general interest in this column. Write to Dr Bruckheim in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 119, Orlando, Fla. 32802-0119.

Little Beth saved from a world of silence

A miracle operation to help her hear again cost £18,000



Deaf toddler Beth Bearded, who will soon be fitted with an implant to help her hear again.

By Laura Zackon

IT looked as though little Beth Bearded would have to live in a world of silence. But hundreds of warm-hearted friends and neighbours were determined that, one day soon, two-year-old Beth would hear again.

They discovered that a miraculous operation, which implants an electronic device in the patient's head, would enable Beth to tune in to the world about her once more. But the price of the private surgery was £18,000 — far beyond the reach of Beth's parents, electrician Mark and Claire.

But the plight of the little girl, deaf since suffering from mystery illness a year ago, touched people's hearts in an amazing way. Thousands of pounds poured in as Beth's well-wishers got to work to raise a fortune.

A rock band played for Beth to the tune of £800. A couple celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary said: "No presents please. Give the money to this little girl."

There were sponsored horse rides, trampolining, pub crawls and darts marathons. People happily agreed with relatives to donate money to the fund rather than buy flowers for funerals.

So much money poured in that there are thousands of pounds left over. This will be used to help other children with Beth's problem.

Claire, from South Normanton, Derbyshire, told me: "Local people have been fantastic. They raised £30,000. So we have sent the extra cash to the Ear Foundation charity."

"The reaction around here to Beth's plight has been astounding. She seems to have really caught everybody's imagination."

"It's phenomenal. This has strengthened my faith in the human spirit. Now Beth can have the operation in about a month's time. The younger the patient, the better it works."

"When we heard how much it would cost to bring back Beth's hearing, we were in despair. It seemed so huge a sum. We never dreamed this wonderful thing

would happen. These people can have the satisfaction of knowing that they will have transformed my little girl's life."

Claire went on: "The success of these implants varies. At the most basic level, Beth will be able to hear everyday sounds like buses going past, telephones ringing and the doorbell."

"But at the best, she will understand speech and even manage to hold simple telephone conversations."

"At first, we will send her to a nursery school specially equipped to teach deaf children. Then, hopefully, she will go to an ordinary junior school, where she can attend lessons and join in with all the other kids."

"The biggest donation given to help

Beth was a staggering £3,500 from a sponsored horse ride. And the smallest was 20p.

Claire explained: "I received a letter enclosing this 20p, which said, 'From a widow who understands the meaning of deafness.' I found that very touching."

And one day, a man turned up on the doorstep and said: "I want to give you this for your little girl." The man handed me a cheque for £12.50. He wouldn't tell me who he was or how he heard about Beth, but he had taken the trouble to walk all the way to our house."

Beth's problems started soon after she had been given a vaccine against mumps, measles and rubella. Claire said: "There's no proof, but I believe she became ill as a result of the vaccine."

"I began to realise something was wrong almost straight away. Before Beth's illness, she had a huge vocabulary and was learning new words every day."

"But she gradually stopped talking and because Beth lost her balance, she didn't walk again for a while, either. Beth no longer came to me to read her a story, and she wouldn't join in when I sang her song."

"After about two weeks of this, it dawned on me that she wasn't hearing. She had become very quiet and withdrawn, and would fly into terrible temper tantrums. It must have been terrifying for her, suddenly not to be able to hear anything."

"Even though I was convinced she had gone deaf, it took about four months for doctors to take me seriously. In the end, they ran some tests, thinking that maybe Beth had a condition called Glue Ear, where the ear becomes blocked. This is very easy to treat, and I had been praying that this was what was wrong with Beth."

"But they told me that her inner ear was damaged, and not even a hearing aid would help her. Then the bottom fell out of my world."

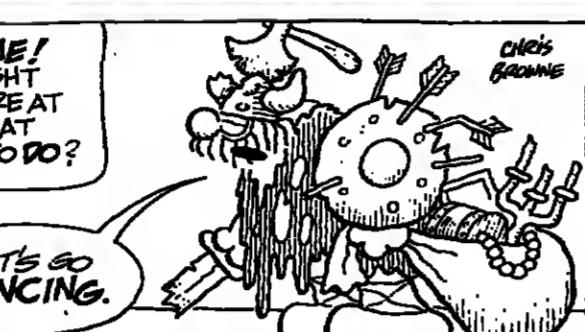
"I had spent my whole life working with handicapped people and their families, and I thought I had a fairly reasonable understanding of what they had been through. But I didn't."

"It wasn't something I had actually contemplated. When we came to Beth's first birthday, I felt quite smug. She had been born healthy, nothing had happened to her in

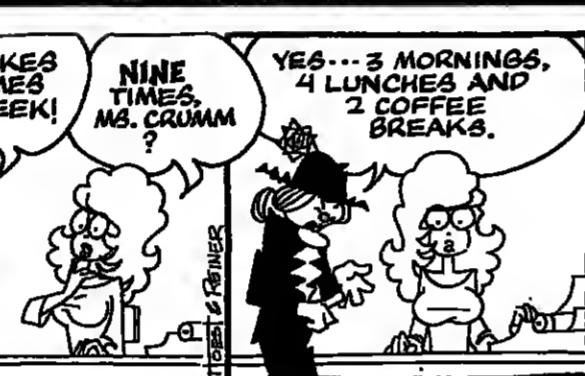
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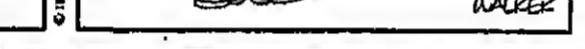
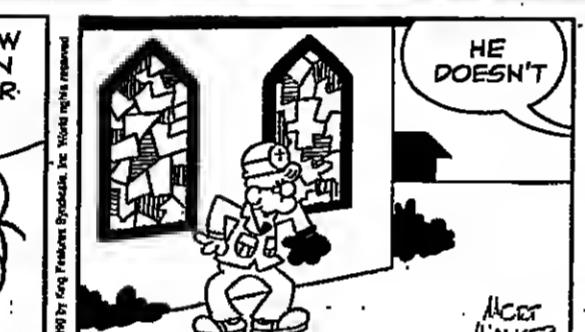
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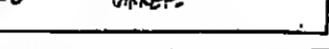
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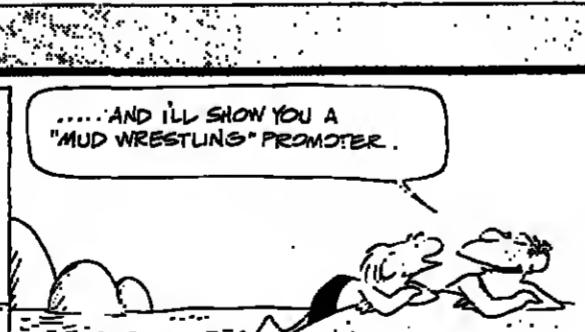
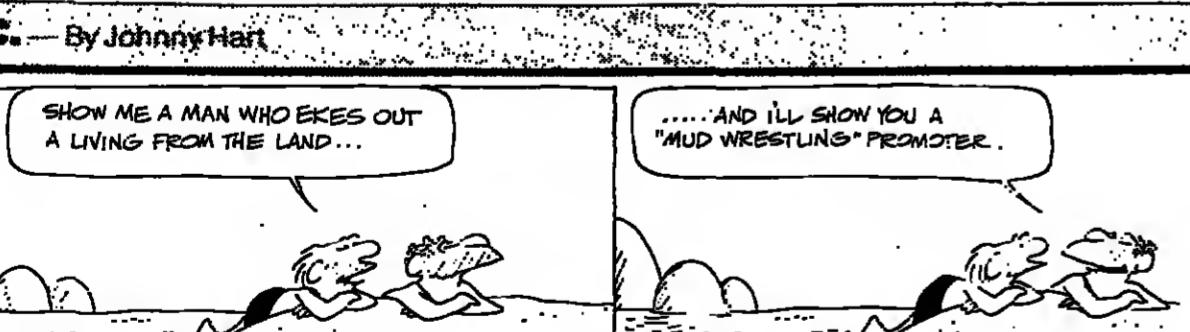
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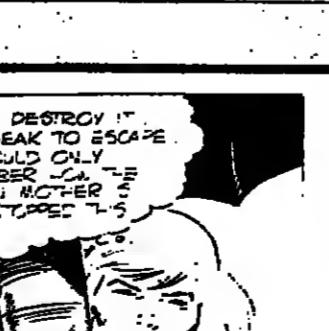
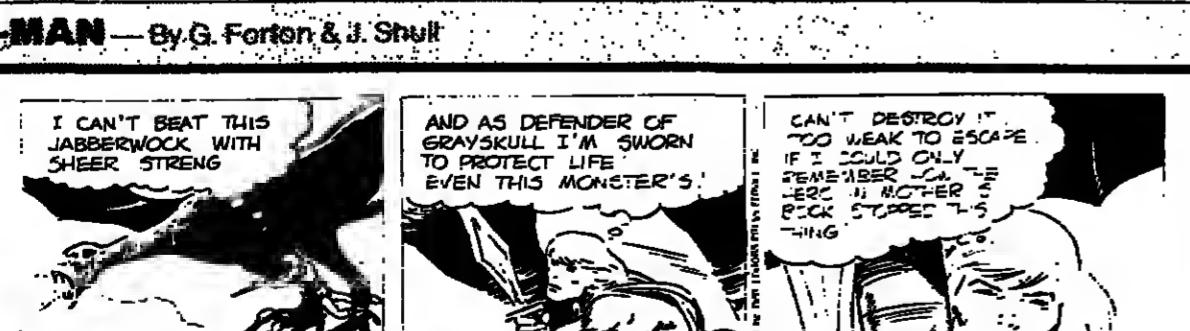
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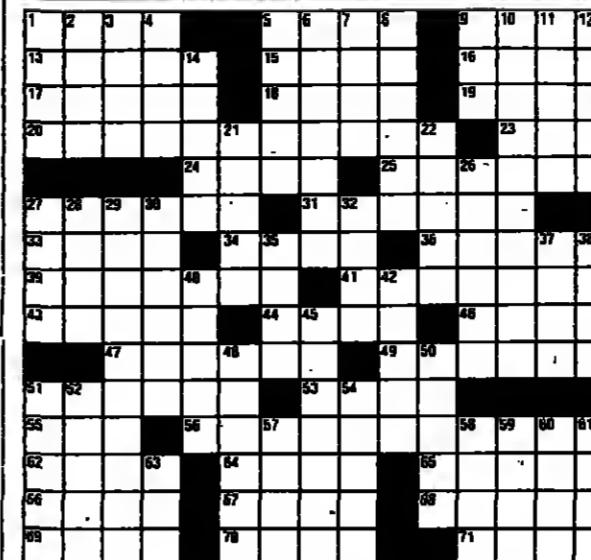
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HE-MAN By G. Foster & J. Shull



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Brat talk
- 2 D.A.'s staff member
- 3 "Show Boat" author Ferber
- 4 "The Adams Family" actor
- 5 Tudor ballet
- 13 "Gardan": Present-day Persian
- 18 Went like sixty
- 19 Energy source
- 20 Cause
- 23 Scottish uncle
- 24 Studies closely
- 25 Passionate
- 27 Impulsively reckless
- 31 First bidder
- 34 Architect
- 36 Asian VIP
- 39 Sentimental songs
- 41 Arresting name?
- 43 Dexterity
- 44 Fools
- 46 Gelid
- 47 Madras
- 48 Hermits
- 51 Way of access
- 53 Viva voce
- 55 Crag
- 56 Pernicious
- 57 Teller of tall tales
- 58 Nuisance
- 59 Hawk's haunt
- 60 Part of a play
- 61 Coastal coasters
- 62 Diamond from Brooklyn, et al.
- 63 Pip
- 64 Fad
- 65 Apothecary measure

DOWN

- 1 Coasted
- 2 Yorkshire river
- 3 Blind item
- 4 Lucid
- 5 "The Adams Family" actor
- 6 Supporter
- 7 A Roosevelt
- 8 Thirty, in Paris
- 9 Special period
- 10 Prevalent
- 11 Ruth's relative
- 12 — forces: troops
- 14 Approximately, in dates
- 21 Bermuda
- 22 Developer's fluid
- 26 Stay
- 27 Swarms
- 28 Alautian Island
- 29 Weigh the evidence
- 30 Visit
- 32 Ostentatious display
- 35 Bang
- 37 Hessian river
- 38 Energy units
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- 42 Muslim faith
- 45 Doting
- 48 Guardian
- 50 City in SW New York
- 51 Traveler's reference
- 52 Express
- 54 Temporary bnt
- 57 Tha O'Hara's home
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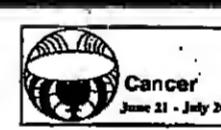
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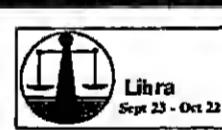
Aries
March 21 - April 19

Do not try to do too many things all at the same time. Watch out for errors made by you as well as by others. Beware of telling others just what you think of them. Be less extravagant.



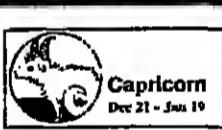
Cancer
June 21 - July 19

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Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You must be beware of getting into a rut or adopting bad habits. Show just a little more respect towards your elders. A little tinsel in the open air will do you a lot of good. Be tactful.



Capricorn
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19

Remember that you will put too weight if you eat too much. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 34. Avoid allowing subjective factors to distort your judgment. And do not expect others always to act in your best interest. Be true to yourself.



Taurus
April 21 - May 20

You should not spend money in the expectation of some good fortune. You may well have some good luck, but you should not base your action on this possibility. Show a little more goodwill towards others. Be frank.



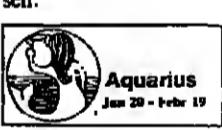
Leo
July 21 - Aug. 22

By all means discuss matters but do avoid getting into a serious argument. Your social life will take a turn for the better, but do not neglect your family life either. Try to be understanding towards a friend who has had some bad luck. Be more confident.



Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

All kinds of exaggerations are to be avoided and you should also keep within safe limits. If you try to use bluff you will not succeed. Better to tell the truth as well as to admit it if you do not know. Be frank.



Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Make sure you do not permit yourself to get seriously into debt. Not everything is to your liking but you should try to make allowances. You would do well to make a few concessions. Be cordial.



Gemini
May 21 - June 20

You will find the right way of doing something you have been doing a little wrong. You should not allow your emotions to get out of hand nor suppress them. Avoid jumping to conclusions or acting on impulse. Be trustworthy.



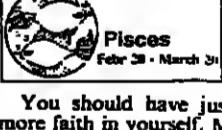
Virgo
Aug. 22 - Sept. 22

Avoid making a nuisance of yourself and try not to bore others either. You will be able to take an obscure in your stride only if you do not seek to ignore it. Do not say you are too old to learn. Be helpful.



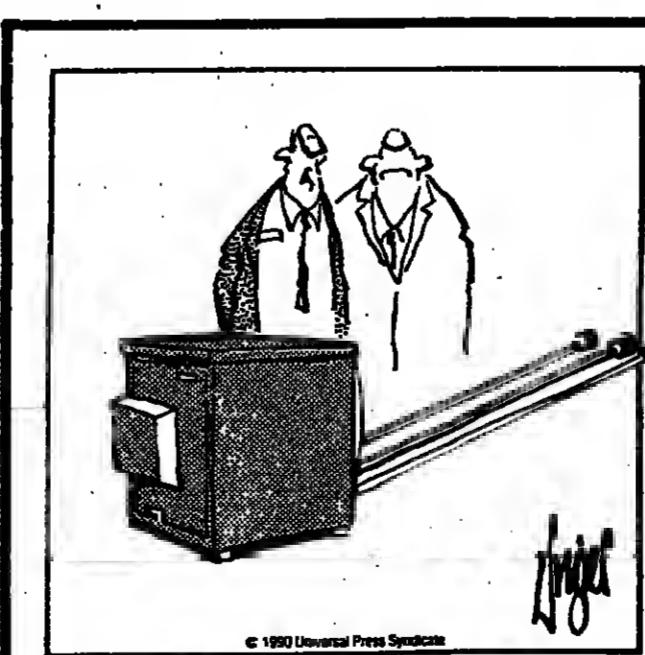
Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 22

You are more accident prone so do take just a little extra care. Save money by all means but not by cutting down on essential repairs and maintenance. Do not allow yourself to believe that what you would like to be always is. Be prompt.

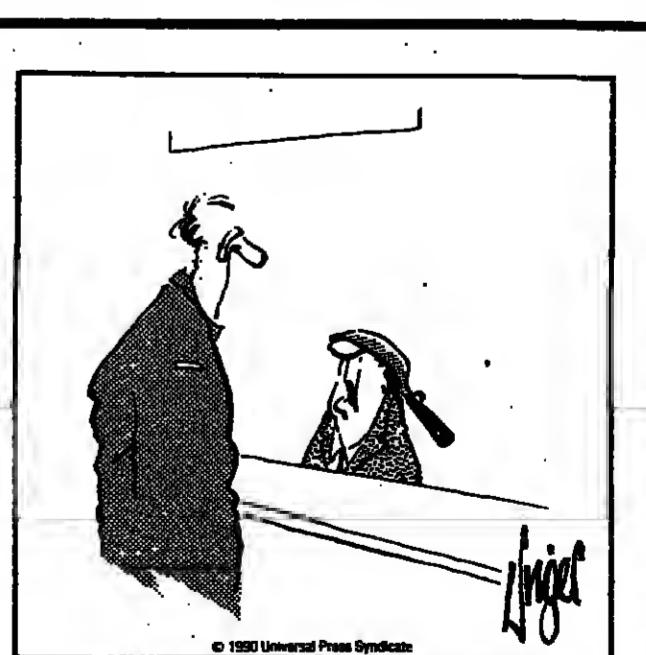


Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

You should have just a little more faith in yourself. Make sure you take enough exercise, but nothing that would exhaust you. Take more interest in what is of special interest to your partner. Be tolerant.



"Avoid all the hassles of remote control."



"Does that look like a non-stick frying pan to you?"

SUNDAY

P2.962 billion lost to drought: At least P2.962 billion worth of rice, corn and other agricultural products have been lost to drought currently affecting 302,773 hectares of land.

In a report to President Aquino, Defense Secretary National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Fidel Ramos said 194,732 families or 1,086,083 people have been badly affected by the crop loss. And 151,638 of these families still need food assistance, he said.

As of April 30, the Department of Agriculture has distributed free urea fertilizers to farmers whose corn and palay crops have been destroyed by the drought. It has also given free vegetable packets to other affected farmers for emergency backyard production.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development, local government units and non-government organizations (NGOs) have also been extending assistance to drought victims thru the Tindahan Bigay Buhay.

Japanese swindler arrested: An overstaying Japanese who had swindled other Japanese tourists was arrested in an Ermita cafe.

Kiyoki Oke was in the Rothman Coffee Shop on Adriatico St when immigration agent Conrado Colanto spotted him. He yielded a .38 revolver and bullets.

Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo said Oke had been overstaying for the last four years and had posed as a Philippine immigration agent to extort money from his visiting countrymen.

Oke admitted the accusation when newsmen interviewed him. He said he had victimized some 20 Japanese businessmen.

"Oke is facing summary deportation," Domingo said.

Chicken catcher caught: A man was arrested by Cavite policemen for robbing a chicken farm in Trece Martires City.

Investigators surprised Erlinda Mirca, 44, of Barangay San Agustin, Trece Martires City at 4 pm and found seven stolen fighting cocks worth P13,500 there.

Capt. Severino Lubigan said Mirca struck at the Soucos Farm in Barangay San Agustin.

Mirca was detained at the Trece Martires jail.

Hours earlier, a man was found dead in a forested area in Barangay Kayquit, Indang town, also in Cavite.

Romeo Collado, 19, had stab wounds in the body.

Go after power thieves: President Aquino directed the National Bureau of Investigation to go after "power thieves," which include prominent families and industrial firms stealing electricity with the use of illegal devices called jumpers.

The order was in response to the disclosure made by the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) that it loses about 26 per cent of electricity to the power thieves and that paying customers end up shouldering the losses.

The President said a press statement that Meralco's total systems loss from pilferage and technical causes only stands at 15 per cent and not 26 per cent as reported.

Six per cent of the loss is due to pilferage and nine per cent to technical causes.

Reports said that Meralco has a list of prominent families and industrial firms stealing electricity with the use of jumpers in plush subdivisions in Makati, Pasig and Alabang.

With the use of jumpers, the Meralco electric meter is bypassed by diverting the current through wires from the main powerline directly to the household. In effect, household uses electricity that is not measured and registered by the meter.

The penalty for stealing electricity provided for under Presidential Decree 401 is four years and two months imprisonment or a fine of P6,000, or both.

Travel grants to PAEF scholars: The Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science (Philaa), grants travel awards to Filipinos who qualify for admission to a US university under the Philippine American Educational Fund (PAEF).

PAEF will fund all the expenses of the Filipino grantee in the US while undertaking graduate studies. Philaa will finance the round trip ticket of the grantee from Manila and the American city nearest the institution where he is admitted, and back after his term of award.

The scholar will be identified from the 1990-91 Filipino Fullbright Student Grants.

Japanese diver lost: Dumaguete City — Divers from Dumaguete City, aided by Dumaguete Coast Guard, are searching for a Japanese scuba diver who disappeared while diving off Apo Island.

The diver, Mikami Musasi of Sapporo City, Japan was reported missing.

It is not exactly known what caused his disappearance, but divers say Musasi appears to have violated diving rules.

Musasi reportedly went down to 200 feet for three consecutive times, considered a very dangerous manoeuvre.

The Philippine Constabulary also reported that Musasi, along with other Japanese divers, were spearfishing while scuba diving.

Spearfishing off Apo Island has been declared illegal by the town council in an ordinance passed two years ago.

Musasi is the second foreigner to disappear in those waters.

Woman robbed of car, cash: A woman lost a car and P600,000 in cash and valuables to six robbers in Quezon City.

Victim Helen del Prado Tan-Chua, 38, told police that her maid had just opened the front gate of the house on Roosevelt Avenue at 5:30 am to buy bread when the armed men suddenly appeared.

The men hogtied all the members of the household and ransacked the house for valuables, she said.

The suspects fled in the victim's blue '79 Toyota Corona with license plate number NFN-260.

Rebels sell illegal logs: The military confirmed reports that the New People's Army (NPA) rebels illegally cut logs to several big logging firms and other small logging operators in Southern Mindanao to raise funds for the movement.

The military will meet the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to stop all logging operations in the region.

PC chief Maj Gen Cesar P. Nazareno said confirmed reports from field commanders in Region 11 pointed to some logging firms and other small operators as the alleged buyers of illegally cut logs sold by the NPA.

PC-INP Recom 11 commander Brig. Gen. Mariano Baccay Jr reported to Nazareno that the NPA has been selling millions of pesos worth of illegally cut timber to logging firms in Surigao del Sur.

Baccay said the recent influx of NPA rebels from Agusan provinces into Surigao del Sur indicated that the rebels have sought greener pastures to support their dwindling finances.

Intelligence reports showed that the Main Regional Guerrilla Unit (MRGU) of the Communist Party of the Philippines NPA in Southern Mindanao has moved its headquarters to Surigao del Sur in search of potential funding resources.

Front Guerrilla Unit 19 based in Surigao del Sur was reported to be the biggest contributor of financial and material resources to the MRGU, Baccay said.

Child cancer rising: Cancer among children is on the rise, the health department warned as it reported that there are over 2,000 new cases.

Department of Health Cancer Control chief Dr Jose Tuzara said cancer usually afflicts children between 1 and 14 years old.

Some children are born with the disease, but a good number of cases are traceable to unhygienic habits or undue exposure to radiation.

The most common sites are the blood, bone marrow, brain, spinal cord, lymph nodes, eyes, kidney, soft tissues and germ cells, he said.

Leukemia or cancer of the blood is the most common, but also the most curable. Forty-five per cent of the all pediatric cancer patients have leukemia, he said.

Tuzara said parents should have their children undergo regular medical check-up and should watch out for any symptoms that persist. It is more difficult to diagnose cancer among children than among adults, he reminded parents.

Symptoms include unusual mass or swelling, unexplained paleness and loss of energy, sudden tendency to bruise, persistent localized pain or limping, prolonged, unexplained fever or illness, frequent headaches accompanied by vomiting, sudden eye or vision changes and rapid weight loss.

Tuzara said childhood cancer can be treated by a combination of therapies, but prevention is still the best cure.

Her eyes were made for seeing more

Jinky Datiles

ERIC MENDOZA, front desk cashier at the Hotel Intercontinental Manila, was quite puzzled by the new girl he was dating. He couldn't understand why she was becoming increasingly distressed as they strolled within the grounds of the Quezon City Parks and Wildlife. The mere sight of a tree, a bush, a bear's cage, and even just the pathway seemed to frighten her. Finally, she pleaded with him to get her out of the place and take her home.

He acceded to her request right away, for he, too, was becoming a bit distressed, and tried not to think of her as a weirdo.

On the way home, Charina R. Datiles, whom he and other called "Jinky," tried to explain.

She was a clairvoyant, she told him, and she could see many more things than most people do.

And at the Parks and Wildlife, where there are numerous *Balete* trees (widely believed to be favorite habitats of elementals and other unseen creatures), she had seen so many frightful creatures and negative elements that she had really been scared.

Eric was relieved to find out that she wasn't weird after all, for he liked her a lot. Gradually, he began to learn more about her gifts, and came to accept them as part of this very special girl.

Aside from clairvoyance (which literally means "clear-seeing"), Jinky also possesses the gifts of clairaudience ("clear-hearing"), precognition ("knowing before hand"), and telekinesis (the ability to move or influence the movement of object by sheer mental power).

Jinky's first psychic experience happened when she had no idea what it was. She was five and her older sister, Charlotte, was six. While they were playing one day.

Her will-wishing always came true. And the other children ran

Jinky suddenly came up with the idea that they try to concentrate on a ball and make it freeze.

So they threw the ball in the air, then gazed at it, willing it to stop — and, to their amazement and delight, it froze in mid-air, as if suspended by an invisible string!

Jinky also being seeing dwarfs and elves and other elementals, but she didn't find anything unusual about them. In her child mind, she reasoned that since she herself was smaller than an adult, and a baby was smaller than she was, it wasn't strange that there were others who were smaller than babies.

What fascinated her more were those tiny winged creatures that looked like fireflies, yet had arms, legs and heads just like people. She was told later that these were pixies, or fairies (remember Peter Pan's Tinkerbell?).

The pixies used to drift close to her, and she would put out her hand to touch them. She didn't dare speak to them, though she sensed they were kind because they wriggled their wings like a friendly dog wags its tail.

When she started schooling, self-doubt set in. She thought she was abnormal, because she was so different from the other kids. She couldn't understand why she knew before hand that their teacher was going to give them a surprise test.

She had long hair then, and some kids usually succumbed to the temptation of pulling it. This made her mad, and she'd glare at her tormentor, print her finger at the child and say, "you're going to stumble and fall!" or "you're going to fall off the slide!" or "you're going to flunk the test!"

Her will-wishing always came true. And the other children ran

to report these incidents to their teachers.

Reports of the uncommon abilities of her two daughters reached Ms Datiles, but these did not bother her, because she knew that such gifts were healthy.

However, because she did not understand them too well, she chose not to encourage them.

Jinky began to understand her powers better when she was in high school. She read some stories about psychic people, and went to movies about psychism. She compared these stories and movies with her own experiences, and noted that she differed some

what from them (perhaps because the stories in the movies were usually hyped up).

By this time, she had learned to control her powers, using them to do favors for her classmates and teachers. She also had to learn to curb her anger, because she knew bad things could happen to the objects of her anger.

But there was one instance — she confessed when she was still in her third year of high school, when she really got mad.

One of her classmates had gotten the notion that Jinky was a witch, which seemed to explain why she was able to do things

others could not. She began convincing their other classmates and they began to ostracize her.

"After all the favors I had done for them, now they brand me a witch!" Jinky was really hurt and angry. She searched out her main tormentors — there were five in all — and pointed her finger at them, intoning: "Somday, you will know that you are wrong!"

A few days later, one of the girl got sick. No definite illness. She just felt heavy and couldn't get out of bed.

Then the one who had started the whole thing lost her voice.

Jinky doesn't remember if the other three girls got sick, too, but she knows they all failed their final exams, and had to take remedial classes in the summer.

That was the most serious incident that resulted from her anger. She quickly resolved to put more restraint on herself. Maybe destruction like those depicted in movies *Carrie* and *The Medusa Touch*.

With the greater understanding came more vivid visions, as well as more definite sightings of elementals. But still she did not try to communicate with them. They waved to her, or greeted her, but she didn't respond. She didn't know she could.

It was also as a high school student that she learned to use her powers to deter her schoolmates from doing wrong. If there were rumour-mongers, she'd make them stop chattering by telling them things she knew about them which was shameful.

Once, she told a Chismosa classmate, "You... you always talk about others. But you don't tell people about yourself. Well, let me tell you something about yourself. Your panty is blue, and

That quickly cured the girl of her chatty habit!

When she was a college freshman, she and a friend tried to use her gift of precognition to get good grades. She knew there was going to be a surprise test the following day, and she concentrated and was able to come up with the questions, so she and her friend were prepared for the test.

The following day, they were quite confident when the test was announced. They knew what the questions were going to be and were sure to get perfect marks.

Suddenly, when they began to answer the questions, they both had a mental block, and they couldn't answer a single question. They both failed the test.

"That was how I learned that I couldn't use my gift for cheating!" Jinky confesses.

It had always thought psychic students had an edge over the rest, because of their precognitive skills. Now I know they're no better than us ordinary creatures.)

Jinky's mother, as I mentioned earlier, had been ignoring her daughters' talents all along. But she finally got her first confirmation one day a few years back when she was about to go to Cunuo.

"Don't go to shop at Farmers Market," her daughter warned her. "There will be a fire there."

Ms Datiles was skeptical, but Jinky prevailed upon her to stay home. Within the hour, the news came: Farmers Market was on fire!

Meanwhile, Charlotte, following the genetic instincts of a family of militarists, had joined the Armed Forces while she continued her studies under a scholarship grant. Her earnings also helped fill the family coffers.

To be continued next week



The lawful truth

The PC-INP bill

By Rene Samisay

WE continue to toil long and hard in the Conference Committee on the PC-INP bill. I am reminded that Dr Kissinger once said: "The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a little longer."

The research of the Senate and House legal staffs on the scope of our power is excellent. They concluded in effect that the Committee can do almost anything as the so-called Third House. Yet, this opinion does not satisfy me fully, with all due respect, and I must continue to beg to differ.

I have looked at the very authorities they cited. The answer that satisfies me better is based on the greater weight of authority on the basis of these same materials. As I understand it, the present state of law and practice seems to be as follows:

"...The present language of the rule prohibits the inclusion of a conference report... of additional topics not committed to conference by either House or beyond the scope of differences committed to conference, and the precedents predating the adoption of this clause in 1971 must be read in light of the explicit restrictions now contained in the clause (Speaker pro tempore McFall, Sept. 17, 1976, pp. 32719-29). Some latitude, however, remains to House managers to eliminate specific words or phrases contained in either version and add words or phrases not included in either version so long as they remain within the scope of the differences committed to conference and do not exceed the powers of the House."

The Department of Science & Technology has lost its jurisdiction over carabao its Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development

(PCARRD) lost that prerogative in favour of the Philippine Carabao Centre. I was also supposed to have lost the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Administration (PAGASA). This would have been the wrong signal to send the science and technological community.

Fortunately, my colleagues in the Conference Committee seem to have relented on the volcanology, weather and penological matters.

The NAPOLCOM hearing officers would be thrown into the discard by the Conference Committee, which violation of security of tenure was not legislated by either House.

Will we ever stop reorganising?

Deciding the fate of people without those to be affected by same afforded an opportunity to be heard was one of our more valid complaints against the past regime.

The art of the carinderia: two portraits

THEIR is the most crowded table in the crowded food section of Cagayan de Oro City. They are in the market by 4:30 am; by 6 am breakfast is ready; by 2 pm the rows of planga-plangang ulan are gone. The family has been in the market carinderia business for 33 years. The sign that identifies the store reads: "Corazon Ramonida, Stall 349-351."

Corazon is now 70 years old, and no longer hurries about stirring the pot on the stove, ladling portions, washing dishes. Instead, she sits nearby, in charge of the till, and quietly managing the entire operation. Her main task is to prepare the pork barbecue (hardly any fat; mostly lean), which is a sell-out everyday; the timpla is all hers. Besides that she helps plan the following day's menu. She is the core of the entire enterprise.

Bonifacio, her husband, 71, helps cook, and his specialties are la-uya (beef) soup (available daily), and lechon sa kawali. Two daughters divide and share the other tasks: Elena (R. Pungunahan), 41, performs all the work in the carinderia except "timpla" and cooking; purchasing, readying ingredients for cooking, attending to the customers, washing the endless heap of spoons, forks, glasses, cups and plates, and keeping the long table clean. She explains the absence of flies: "kung punan ka nang punas, lahat lahat lalo na ang kainan, at malinaw din sa tabi, walang walang langaw." And indeed there were no flies at all — a feat for any carinderia located inside a market.

She has been inside the market as far back as she can remember. After a nearly marriage to a salesman from Guimaras, Quezon, she started a stall of her own in another Cagayan de Oro market, Carmen. She started with ginamos (Bisayans for bagoong), and ended up with a clothes store that was doing well till the success attracted sidewalk vendors selling similar items. She sold out and moved to her mother's carinderia three years ago. Because of her expertise, she takes care of customer service — remembering their favorite dishes and little idiosyncrasies, making small talk while the customers are eating.

While good at PR, she has the alert eyes of a hawker-saleslady. In the midst of our interview she suddenly got up and addressed a passing couple. I thought she knew them; she didn't. But she had noticed that the man was carrying cut-up fish, obviously for kinilaw. She darted close to them and put out her right hand. The man handed her his small plastic bag. The couple and their two children sat down; the wife took out the sangkap. Preparing the kinilaw is free; the customers usually order rice, another dish, and soft drinks. That is how the carinderia makes a little profit.

Zenaida, 33, has always worked with her mother. She has learned how to cook all their dishes.

hers, and the endless stream of old and new customers is the mark of her having mastered them. She stands with pride behind the row of food, always smiling, sometimes giggling. Her eyes are not as alert as seasoned Elena's, but while a customer is eating, she is already calculating the total amount to be paid, so that when asked for the bill, her answer is ready.

She is a bit plump, though she is never still. There is an obvious relish when she eats their own cooking. To vary it a bit she would, for instance, roast over charcoal a chunk of pork adobo. "Cholesterol," she demurely admits. "Lami," (sarap) she confesses while eating. While Elena discusses marketing, Zenaida explains how the dishes are cooked. When Elena darted for the paser-by with a bag of pre-cut kinilaw, Zenaida walked toward the sink and waited for bag and ingredients. She used only a spoon to peel the ginger and scrap the tabon-tabon (a fruit that looks like a small santol; its flesh is squeezed and the juice made to flow into the fish cuttings)... In three minutes the kinilaw was ready. The customer tasted it, nodded; Zenaida smiled.

Zenaida's husband, whom they call "Chuck Norris" because of his barba cerrada, helps out till about 6 am. From then on until they close the stall, there is a rhythm in the activities: while Zenaida is washing the dishes, Elena wipes the counter, Bonifacio is singing a line from an old song over and over while watching the kawali with siance in hand. Corazon is preparing pork barbecue. A customer comes: Elena goes behind the counter, dishes out the order, takes the walls (tingling) and cleans the cement floor behind the counter. No one prods, much less order the other. When the customer gets up to leave, Zenaida shouts to her mother the amount to be paid. The bill is paid; she continues her sweeping. Zenaida begins to sing.

"Kami na lang, sir," Elena explains, "ang mag-manage. Walang gulo." After their mother retires, Zenaida and Elena will continue the business. They have established a reputation for delicious carinderia cuisine; they have a regular clientele, and those who eat there for the first time invariably return. Their mother has passed on the secrets of their sarsa-dangat, utak ng baboy, and their daily best-sellers, kaderela, kilawin, and upritadang baka. They have adopted a rhythm which is reasonably fast and steady.

In contrast, Ailing Nati (vidad) Bello once operated a very successful market carinderia in Burogan, Leyte, but none of her children was interested enough, so when she became bedridden ("pusna, rayuma") she had to close the restaurant which had supported her children, especially through their schooling. A son is now a policeman in Pasay City. He finished crimin-



Corazon Ramonida prepares her special barbecue

ology largely through their carinderia earnings.

Aling Nati glows with pride and nostalgia when she speaks of her carinderia, which specialised in karnebaf. "People here really prefer alabaw. They even prefer pork to beef. All of the carabao is eaten, except for its horns and hooves," she says, and explains her dishes. The fasties served was always dinuguan, called lomo, followed by hibstik (kare-beefsteak), kaderela (gisado, with luya), and finally linaga.

The linai (intestines), bin-

dung and tripyla could be cooked with gata. Or instead of these innards one might prefer the meat itself. Either way, the ingredients are sauteed with luya and such vegetables as upo, pechay, or talbos ng kamote — then finally cooked in gata. The lower legs are made into pakdol (their bula) or balbawka. The ribs can be roasted. The tongue, meat or tripyla taste good as paksiw. Other bones and meat go into linaga. The skin (paniti) can either be sold to the ebicbawon makers of nearby Jaro. Along-along or Dagami, or boiled (with

the head); add pork and beans and one has callos.

The special carabaf product is tapa, which has to be ordered days ahead. The meat is marinated in toyo, suka, paminta and garlic for a whole day; the following day it is dried under the sun. It loses at least half its weight in drying, so while a kilo of raw carabaf costs P65, carabaf tapa costs P130 a kilo. It tastes best inihaw, and Leyteños prize it as sumsuman (pulutan). For special occasions, such as weddings, morcon and beefsteak are preferred.

CEBU CITY: A suspected international killer or "hit man" wanted by various governments in Europe was captured by immigration agents in Cebu City where he hid to avoid being tracked down by foreign police agents.

Immigration Commissioner Andrea D. Domingo said Michel Lothoz, 52, a Frenchman, ranked No. 5 on list of members of the mercenary and assassination squad called "Carlos Group."

Information from various international police agencies showed Lothoz is one of only four surviving members of the group.

The "Carlos Group" is supposed to be on the payroll of Middle East and Eastern European countries.

Immigration records showed that Lothoz arrived as a tourist from the Caribbean on June 16, 1988, and settled down in Cebu City where he married a Filipina, identified as Leonila Antig. The same records showed he is already an overstaying alien.

He reportedly has investments in a rattan factory in Mandaua City and two nightclubs in downtown Cebu City. ***

ALABEL, South Cotabato: Seven town mayors have asked Public Works Secretary Fiorelio Estuar to relieve a top public works official.

In their petition, the mayors accused the official of arrogance, corruption, and favouritism in awarding government projects to favoured contractors who "failed to finish or satisfactorily complete the projects at the detriment of their constituents."

Martum Mayor Juanito Purisima, president of the Mayors League of South Cotabato, and Maasin Mayor Ancierto Lopez Sr. said the contractors should be banned from public works bidding. The official, reportedly close to a congressman, was accused of being temperamental and high-handed in dealing with his subordinates. The official denied the charges. ***

QUEZON CITY: A security guard was seriously wounded when eight heavily armed men burned an armoured vehicle during an aborted P9.5 million robbery on Quezon Ave. in Quezon City.

In another development, six armed men held up employees of the Boston Bank branch on Quezon Ave., where the soiled armored van robbery took place. The robbers fled with about P1 million from the Boston Bank.

Pfc. Sonny Basilio, police probe, said security guard Renato Gonzales of the Far East Bank and Trust Co. (FEBTC) was shot when men with automatic rifles and a grenade launcher attacked the armoured vehicle on Quezon Ave at 4:20 pm.

Two other guards and FEBTC representative Julian Layco were not hurt and traded shots with the robbers.

The van was on its way to deposit P9.5 million to the FEBTC main office in Intramuros. The robbers poured gasoline on the van and used a grenade to start the fire. The men jumped out of the van and returned the fire. The robbers fled towards Manila.

In the Boston Bank robbery, Lt Col Nicardo Mendoza, QC police mobile patrol chief, said the suspects, armed with a shotgun and 38 caliber revolvers, disarmed three guards of the bank at the corner of Examiner St and Quezon Ave at 2 pm.

Recently, Mrs Majadera attended a class reunion. Of course she had to show off. After all the best revenge in life is to live well. So she coaxed an acquaintance in one corner and told her, "Let us just stay here, after all, we are made of different stuff, we are moneyed. While they are still struggling."

What about the case of this woman who is married to a successful doctor. Well, she came from the gutter. That is the reason she is not familiar with the members of the real society. Her only way to social-climb is by playing golf in one of the many golf courses around. Today, talk to her and she will name-drop her big time golf mates. She refers to them on first name basis.

Some weeks ago, she was gaga over the prospect of viewing those male studs in the America hold show called the Chippendales. Oh! she was like the sex starved matron, just too enthusiastic to see those nude dancers.



Earth Day

Sen. Hetheron Alvarez congratulates Abigail David, 6, of the Holy Family School, after she delivered a speech on Earth Day in the Senate session hall. She was among 400 schoolchildren who sought the help of the Senate on the environment. At right is Fatima Martin, 12, winner of the Earth Day contest.

Manzo, witness said, was forced out of a pedicab and dragged to a blue Lancer car.

The pedicab driver, Erning Domingo, told探者 that the three abductors were armed with Uzi assault rifles.

Mel Mahilangan, victim's sister, said that Manzo called up to say that she is safe but added she was threatened while talking to her. Manzo sounded like she is very frightened, she said.

"She (Manzo) said that she was blindfolded and has no idea where she is," Mahilangan said.

Mabilangan added that kidnappers had called her up at least seven times.

A witness said that the getaway car had a license plate with numbers either NBN-314 or NBI-374.

Several media organisations by the National Press Club are asking police and military authorities to intensify the search and rescue operations for Manzo.

Antonio Nieva, National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) chairman, appealed to President Aquino and Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos "to compel those who abducted Ms Manzo to produce her immediately without hurting her."

LEGAZPI CITY: The Albay PC-INP has stepped up its drive against dynamite fishing as it arrested another suspect supplier of ammonium nitrate and blasting caps last week at barangay Victory Village here.

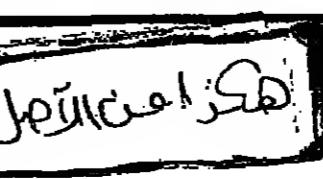
Lt Col Rufo Pulido, Albay PC-INP chief, identified the suspect as Ramon Vargas, who was nabbed on the strength of a warrant issued by Regional Trial Court Executive Judge Emmanuel Flores.

Pulido said raiders found in Vargas' house 10 kilos of ammonium nitrate and 10 blasting caps in 17 plastic bags. He said dynamite fishing adversely affects marine life. He added that his drive is centered on suppliers of explosives.



Arrested

Pic Roberto Lising (second from left) is handcuffed to a PC escort as he is led to Camp Crame by Recom 3 chief Br. Gen. Manuel Bruan (right) and Pampanga PC commander Col Ramsey Ocampo after his arrest in Cabanlanian, Bacolor, Pampanga. He is the prime suspect in the recent killing of two University of the Philippines students.



Arrested

Children of the rich

IN this world of ours, there is one thing that separates all of us, the commodity called money. It is money that spells the big difference between the rich and the poor. They say money is the root of all evils. But money makes this world go round.

In our midst, we also have that rare breed of people, the children of the rich. They are also special, one would think they are immortal.

Take the case of Thalassa Gutlin Elizalde. A few years ago while on vacation in Singapore, the driver of the car she was driving made a sudden stop. The incident jolted her in her seat, squeezing her between her two nurses. What they thought was a simple internal injury actually caused her inflamed liver to burst. She has been suffering from liver cancer. That incident was a time for discovery. She was unconscious.

The accident happened late in the afternoon. By lunch time the following day, a team of Filipino doctors were brought to Singapore to look after her. Then the first class compartment of the airplane was reserved for her and her entourage for the trip back to Manila.

She was confined to Makati Medical Centre for a week, where 3 suites at the 9th floor were occupied. After more tests, a trip to Pittsburgh was arranged to look for the best transplant surgeon in the world. Through the right connections, they found one. And it cost a lot of money.

Yes, Thalassa would be admitted into a hospital, but the family will have to deposit \$500,000 first.

Some 5 months after her admission and a few millions in dollars, she is alive and well.

Today, she is a normal child, studying at a private school.

Another very lucky child is Felipe Michael Alexander Cruz. Mac for short is the only child of William and Evi Cruz. Mac is a very privileged child, he is attended by a special nurse and an assistant all the time.

Recently, he celebrated his birthday. There was a mini carnival, special rides which were part of a big celebration. It was his first birthday party. There



were 50 children and about 100 adults to wish him happy birthday. The boy is the apple of his parents' eyes.

One person who seems not to have any problem is James Luz Costa. He is the youngest son of William and Evi Costa. James whisks here for vacation from Canada, appears to be enjoying himself. He is a discophile, hanging around Kudo's, whenever he feels like dancing. He can dance non-stop for 2 hours.

Soon, James will be going back to Vancouver. He will always look back to happy memories of his stay in Manila.

But not all children of the rich can be said to be happy. Take the case of Mr Drug Addict. For many years, he was a spoiled brat. His mother trained him the wrong way. He was given the lesson that money can buy everything.

A few years ago, he got married. But his drug problem and childlike attitude in life got the better of him. Now he is separated. At his age, when he should be enjoying family life, he is still without direction.

As they say, there are no delinquent children, only delinquent parents. It must be true in the case of Mr Drug Addict.

The intriguing world of Filipina women

IN history, it has always been intriguing to observe the women. They have that distinct quality that can make a man love them or leave them.

Some women are born lucky. Others become envious of the achievements of others. Some think the blessings of others have been snatched from their own chances of getting the same blessings. Oh! women you make men crazy.

Some women are plain lucky. They seem to be getting everything from a silver platter. They have beauty, character and blessed married lives. Some women are lucky to have a happy sacrifice youth, then a career and a happy marriage which is the ultimate in social climbing.

One very lucky lady is Maria Cruz. Ching as she is known for her beauty, the strength of character and a happy marriage. Today, she is at the pinnacles of success. A very niche husband in the person of Felipe Cruz and an only son Mac, make her life complete.

Many years ago, she used to live in New York. There she had a fabulous apartment in Manhattan which became the hub of activities for the Filipinos in the Big Apple. Many describe it as the Filipinos' Grand Central Station. It has a home away from home. And knowing Ching and her eyes for an organised and cozy apartment, it really must have been built for them.

Then one day, it was time to fall in love. She fell in love with her knight in shining armor in the person of Felipe Cruz, a very successful engineer and contractor. She turned her back from the glamorous New York life to be his wife. They got married in the fabled city of Salzburg, Austria. It was like a postcard setting in a church on the side of a snow-capped cliff, overlooking the Chrimasalit lit city in December.

Today, Ching has finally settled with a successful business career to look back to and happy married life to look forward to.

But not all women are as lucky as Ching. Some lead disastrous married lives. It is because they are just too dazed with the syndrome of having

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The West German team which played in the semifinal (Reuter wirephoto)

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Crowded midfield: key to World Cup



Diego Maradona



Lothar Matthaeus

Matthaeus: set to be Player of the Tournament

ERBA, Italy, July 7. (Reuter): West German captain Lothar Matthaeus must not be labelled the "Maradona of the 1990 World Cup," says team chief Franz Beckenbauer.

The midfielder's superb performances in Italy have been likened to those of Argentine captain Diego Maradona, who inspired his country to victory in 1986.

Beckenbauer dislikes the comparison but believes four-goal Matthaeus could become the Player of the Tournament if he maintains his impressive form in tomorrow's final against Argentina.

"Matthaeus can't become the 1990 Maradona because he is a totally different player," Beckenbauer said. "But he could become the superstar of the World Cup if he plays a great final."

The Internazionale midfielder has been an inspiration to the Germans, scoring four

spectacular goals and providing a vital link between the backs and his forwards.

Matthaeus, who marked Maradona in the 3-2 defeat by Argentina in the 1986 final, wins his 81st cap tomorrow, the squad's most experienced player.

His role of father figure contrasts sharply with his early days when he was known as a player who never seemed to produce his best when it really mattered and who tended to talk a lot about the game off-pitch without saying anything of note.

Matthaeus still speaks like he plays, fast and furious. But tough experiences on and off the field have helped him to mature as a player and a man. He is listened to attentively when he holds court nowadays.

"I've learned from the past," Matthaeus said yesterday. "The World Cup final is the biggest moment in any player's career. All I

am bothered about now is making sure we go up the steps first to collect the trophy.

"The situation is much better than in the past. We have offered skillful soccer and been unbeaten. That has not always been the case with German teams before."

Matthaeus went through a difficult time in his last Bundesliga season with Bayern Munich before he went to Milan in 1988. He took the responsibility for the Bavarians' poor form and also suffered domestic problems with the premature birth of his second child.

"It was a tough time but I learned a great deal from it," he said.

Now, the West German captain's career can reach new heights if the Germans can take revenge in Rome for their defeat four years ago.

But I hope whoever plays against him has a good game and Diego doesn't."

"The way he played the second half against Italy (in the semifinals) — that was the real Maradona we knew from '86," said Beckenbauer.

"It's our mentality to mark certain players and we'll have someone on Maradona. But he's too good to be controlled totally, you can't put him out of a game for 90 minutes."

Beckenbauer typically preferred to talk about his own players rather than opponents but without singling anyone out for individual praise.

"We have some really world class players," he said. "We have a better team than in '86 and it is realistic for us to think we can become world champions."

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"It's difficult to kick a penalty. You need a lot of guts," he said.

"It's not a lottery. You have to know how to kick penalties."

And he added that he had the players to see Argentina through to the trophy if a third penalty shoot-out were needed.

"I know many people who opt out of the penalties, international players," Bilardo said.

"If a player can't kick a penalty, he can't play in the Argentina national team."

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Maradona, 29, said he had already decided not to play in the 1994 tournament, adding: "In the last few years I've had only a few chances to play for Argentina and I'll have even less opportunities from now on."

"My commitment with Napoli in the Italian League and in the European Cup will prevent me. Therefore it's time to hand over and give the captain's armband to someone else so he can begin to get used to it."

He said of tomorrow's game: "I want to win it not only for myself and for my daughters but because I don't know how many years it will be before Argentina manages to get another team in the World Cup final again."

He said too many top European players were working abroad and that young players were also being drawn away from the country by high foreign salaries.

"Argentina is at a crossroads and we can't allow this chance to slip away from us," he said.

■ Beckenbauer, who reached the heights as a player, can complete a rare double in his farewell as West German team chief.

Beckenbauer took over the national side after they plunged to the depths in the 1984 European Championship and has transformed them into a team which could justifiably go home top of the world.

He captained West Germany to their last World Cup triumph in 1974 and will join Brazil's Mario Zagallo as the only winner of soccer's greatest prize as both player and manager if his team beats Argentina.

Yet all through the campaign Beckenbauer has disclaimed any further personal World Cup ambition, saying he wants the trophy just for the team because they have been such a good, dedicated squad and they deserve it.

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He said of tomorrow's game: "I want to win it not only for myself and for my daughters but because I don't know how many years it will be before Argentina manages to get another team in the World Cup final again."

He said too many top European players were working abroad and that young players were also being drawn away from the country by high foreign salaries.

"Argentina is at a crossroads and we can't allow this chance to slip away from us," he said.

■ Beckenbauer, who reached the heights as a player, can complete a rare double in his farewell as West German team chief.

Beckenbauer took over the national side after they plunged to the depths in the 1984 European Championship and has transformed them into a team which could justifiably go home top of the world.

He captained West Germany to their last World Cup triumph in 1974 and will join Brazil's Mario Zagallo as the only winner of soccer's greatest prize as both player and manager if his team beats Argentina.

Yet all through the campaign Beckenbauer has disclaimed any further personal World Cup ambition, saying he wants the trophy just for the team because they have been such a good, dedicated squad and they deserve it.

■ As national soccer team boss, Bilardo has arguably been the most talked about and criticised man in Argentina for the past seven and a half years.

■ Beckenbauer typically preferred to talk about his own players rather than opponents but without singling anyone out for individual praise.

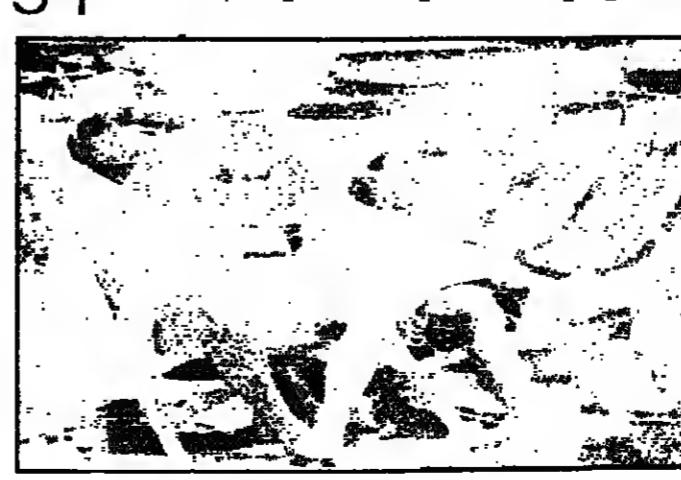
"We have some really world class players," he said. "We have a better team than in '86 and it is realistic for us to think we can become world champions."

■ Bilardo is confident that skill not fortune will come to Argentina's aid if tomorrow's final again goes to a penalty shoot-

US faces huge task generating passion for 1994 World Cup



Kissinger at the press conference (Reuter wirephoto)



US team members relaxing after their elimination from the World Cup

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But Kissinger said: "We are very confident we will put on a first-class show but we will have to do it differently to the way it was done here."

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Stefan Reuter, 23, Bayern Munich, 21. Defender who likes to move forward, he has played five matches so far in Italy, one as a substitute.

Thomas Haessler, 24, Juventus (Italy), 16. Sold by Cologne to Juventus at end of season for \$8.8 million, the Bundesliga's biggest transfer fee. He was tipped to be star of World Cup but has been disappointing except for solid performance against England.

Ola Tofta, 24, Bayern Munich, 35. The diminutive midfielder, who won his first cap at the age of 18, played superbly when he started his first match in Italy against England. Has played back from an ankle ligament injury which kept him out of the game for nearly half a year. Started playing again only last April.

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ROME, July 7. (Reuter): The United States said yesterday it faced a huge task generating the same passion for soccer as Italy when it hosts the 1994 World Cup but ruled out changing the regulations to lure television networks and US fans.

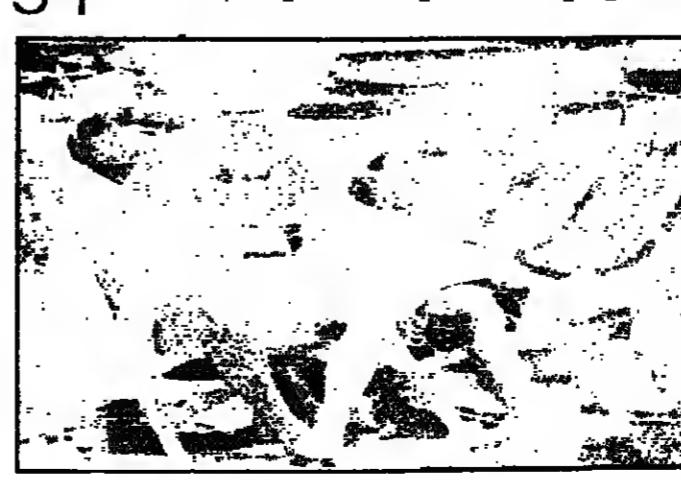
"We have a lot of missionary work to do in the United States," Henry Kissinger, vice-chairman of the World Cup 1994 organising committee, told a news conference.

"Italy has the advantage of fans that are experts. They love the game. They understand what is going on," said the former US secretary of state.

But the organisers said they did not want Fifa to tinker with the rules of the game to attract television contracts or American fans used to high-scoring sports such as basketball.



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has suggested playing matches in four periods instead of two to give television networks more time for advertising. Less than one million US households watched the US team's match against Italy.

The organisers face many other problems hosting the most important soccer event in a country where there is not even a major national league.

Kissinger said most of the funds would probably have to be raised privately and the organisers

Top stars may not take part in Games

RALEIGH, North Carolina, July 7. (Reuter): Low appearance fees, a busy European schedule and assorted other complications have hampered efforts by US athletics officials to lure some of the world's top athletes to the Goodwill Games in Seattle later this month.

"It may be at least another week before we know who is coming," one official, who asked not to be named, told Reuters yesterday.

The instability of the East German Athletes Federation and the desire of many athletes to stay in Europe to prepare for the second half of the Grand Prix season and the European championships in late August apparently, has curtailed some interest in the July 20-August 3 multi-sport Games.

While top US stars such as six-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis and world heptathlon record-holder and Olympic gold medallist Jackie Joyner-Kersee will compete along with pole vault world record-holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union, Romanian world mile record-holder Paula Ivan and Cuban women's star Ana Quirot, other world class performers are having second thoughts.

Chance. Olympic shot put champion Ulf Timmermann of East Germany said in Berlin this week he would pass up a chance to meet American world record-holder Randy Barnes to train for the European Championships.

His compatriots Jürgen Schult, the Olympic discuss champion and world record-holder, and Christian Schenk, the Olympic decathlon winner, also apparently have changed their minds about competing at the second Goodwill Games.

The top-ranked high jumper in the world will also miss the Seattle meeting. A Cuban sports official said yesterday that high jump world record holder Javier Sotomayor will be forced to miss the Games due to an injury to his left heel.

Kenyan Paul Ereng, the 800-metre gold medallist, Peter Koch, the 3,000-metre steeplechase world record-holder, and Peter Reid, the Olympic 1,500-metre champion, and top Jamaican sprinters Merlene Ottey and Raymond Stewart also may pass up the Games because of low appearance fees, according to their agent, Raymond Devries.

While Lewis will be paid \$23,000 to compete because he is an Olympic champion and world record holder, the East German federation was offered about \$40,000 for more than 20 athletes, sources told Reuters.

Similar offers were made to other national federations, the sources said.

Charged. Some East German athletes will compete, but the make up of their squad is uncertain because there is "total confusion" with the East German federation, said Peter Cava, a spokesman for the Athlete Congress (TAC), the sport's US governing body which is charged with securing athletes' competitors for the Goodwill Games.

TAC officials are hoping to land several top British athletes, Hal Bateman, another TAC spokesman said.

World mile record-holder Steve Cram will compete and compatriot Steve Backley, who this week shattered the world javelin record, has said he wants to throw, Bateman said.

English stars targeted by Italian clubs

BARI, July 7. (Reuter): England's strong performance against West Germany in the World Cup semifinals has sent Italian First Division clubs scurrying to sign up at least four players — Gary Lineker, John Barnes, Paul Gascoigne and Des Walker.

Genoa are chasing Liverpool forward Barnes for next season and newly-promoted Torino are after striker Lineker.

Barnes told reporters yesterday he was flattered by Genoa's interest but said he had no direct talks with the club.

"Any how they would have to negotiate with Liverpool because my contract has another year to run," he said.

Lineker said playing in Italy would be an experience but added that he was under contract to Tottenham until 1993.

"I'm aware of Torino's interest in me and if it was up to me I'd transfer to Italy straight away. But it's up to the two clubs to find an agreement," Lineker said.

England 435; Gooch hits 154

Tailenders thwart Kiwis



New Zealand's opening batsman Trevor Franklin is hit behind the ear on a delivery by England's Devon Malcolm (Reuter wirephoto)

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 7. (Reuter): England's tailenders compensated for a middle-order collapse yesterday by guiding their team to a handsome first innings 435 on the second day of the third cricket Test against New Zealand.

Wicketkeeper Jack Russell hit 43, Chris Lewis scored 32 in his Test debut while Gladstone Small (44 not out) and Eddie Hemmings (20) also scored freely on their home ground.

Earlier only captain Graham Gooch stood firm as the New Zealand bowlers made inroads into the batting.

Gooch, 95 not out in the overnight total of 191 for one, took toll of the bowling with a succession of powerful shots.

He reached his ninth Test century when carried on to his fourth Test score in excess of 150 before he fell victim to fast bowler Danny Morrison for 154.

The England skipper tried to hit Morrison through the leg side, but the ball caught the back of his bat and flew to second slip where Richard Hadlee completed a neat catch.

Gooch's innings had listed 281 balls and contained a six and 19 fours.

Wickets fell freely at the other end after Alec Stewart had been dismissed caught behind for nine for nine off Morrison in the fourth over of the morning.

Vice-captain Alan Lamb became debut wicketkeeper Adam Parore's second victim when he was caught for two off Richard Hadlee.

Robins Smith then fell to a gloved catch to short leg after scoring a quick 19 and Neil Fairbrother continued to disappoint at Test level when he was LBW to medium-pacer Martin Snedden for two.

But New Zealand's hopes of containing the home side were dashed by the England tailenders. The invaluable Russell helped Gooch add 62 for the sixth wicket and the rest of the batsmen played their part superbly.

At the close New Zealand were nine for six wicket in reply.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings

G. Gooch c Hadlee b Morrison...154

M. Altherton lbw Snedden.....82

A. Stewart c Parore b Morrison...9

A. Lamb c Parore b Hadlee.....2

R. Smith c Jones b Bracewell...19

N. Fairbrother lbw Snedden...2

J. Russell c Snedden.....43

C. Lewis c Rutherford b Bracewell...32

G. Small not out.....44

E. Hemmings c Parore b Hadlee...20

D. Malcolm c Hadlee.....0

Extras (b-4 lb-15 nb-9)...28

Total (45.2 overs).....435

Fall of wickets 1-70 2-193 3-198

4-245 5-254 6-318 7-351 8-381 9-436

Bowling: Hadlee 5-8-7-10-1, Morrison 26-7-8-2, Snedden 35-9-10-3, Bracewell 42-12-13-0, Jones 1-0-2-0.

NEW ZEALAND first innings

T. Franklin not out.....0

J. Wright not out.....0

Extras.....0

Total.....0

Bowling to data: Small 4-1-7-0, Hadlee 4-3-2-0

To bat: A. Jones, M. Clowes, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, R. Hadlee, J. Bracewell, A. Parore, M. Snedden, D. Morrison



Gower hammered the Indian bowlers

India defeated by Hampshire

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 7. (Reuter): England reject David Gower hit a chanceless century to steer Hampshire to a seven wicket victory over India on the final day of their three-day cricket match yesterday.

Gower, last year's England skipper, ripped the Indian attack apart with an unbeaten 126 as Hampshire reached their victory target of 305 in 64 overs with 18 balls to spare.

He drove and pulled his way elegantly to three figures in 94 balls, thumping two sixes and 10 fours, ably assisted by Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas who hit his first century of the season with 104 from 133 balls including 14 boundaries.

The thrilling finish was set up by Nicholas and Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin after the first day's play was lost to rain.

Hampshire declared their first innings closed at the overnight 117 for two with Gower 44 not out and Nicholas unbeaten on 37.

Then Indian teenager Sachin Tendulkar hit a fine unbeaten 58 while opener Nasir Sidhu also notched a half century before Hampshire declared at 143 for one.

At the Oval, Surrey beat Northamptonshire by 147 runs. Surrey 247 for two declared in 95 overs (D. Bicknell 169, G. Clinton 146) with second innings forfeited. Northamptonshire forfeited their first innings and 200 in 62.2 overs (W. Larkins 107, Waqar Younis 36 from 36, M. Bicknell four for 58). Surrey 20 points, Northamptonshire no points.

At Taunton, Somerset v Warwickshire — match drawn, Somerset 270 in 92.5 overs and 238 for two declared (J. Cook 137, P. Reebuck 90 not out), Warwickshire 152 for four declared in 41.2 overs and 24 for two, Somerset 104 from 103 balls including 14 boundaries.

At Swanscombe: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire — match drawn, Glamorgan 337 for eight declared in 104 overs and second innings forfeited. Gloucestershire forfeited their first innings and 108 for two, Glamorgan four points, Gloucestershire three.

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At Scarborough: Nottinghamshire beat Yorkshire by five wickets. Yorkshire 351 for three declared in 100 overs and second innings forfeited. Nottinghamshire forfeited their first innings and 354 for five (P. Johnson 149, C. Broad 126), Nottinghamshire 17 points, Yorkshire four.

At Maidstone: Essex beat Kent by four wickets. Kent 308 for four declared in 106 overs (M. Benson 159 not out, G. Cowdry 116) with second innings forfeited. Essex forfeited their first 100 and 309 for six (J. Stephenson 67, N. Shadid 63, P. Prichard 55, N. Hussain 41, D. Pringle 40 not out), Essex 17 points, Kent four.

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Selection of quotes from Wimbledon

LONDON, July 7. (Reuter): A selection of the best quotes from Wimbledon 1990:

"I'm going home to get my act together — there's a lot of act to get together," John McEnroe reflects on his first round defeat by fellow American Derrick Rostagno.

"We're all rooting for Jennifer because she's the same age as us and she asks for the ball nicely," ballboy explains why 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati is popular at Wimbledon.

"I don't want to hear about 14-year-olds any more," American Robin White bemoans her defeat by Capriati.

"I miss my puppy," Capriati shows she's still a little girl at heart.

"What is it? Tell me is it a tragedy? Is it a disaster?" Former champion Steffi Graf struggling for the right words after her semifinal defeat by Zina Garrison.

"You don't go out there to look happy. You don't get any points for that, do you?" Ivan Lendl explaining his serious demeanour on court.

"It was like a stranger I haven't seen for a year," Boris Becker after being re-united with the grass on centre court.

"So what? I didn't choose him," Becker on Lendl's early installation as favourite.

"I'd rather be the villain and have five Wimbledon titles," Lendl on what he saw as misplaced sympathy for his efforts to win a first Wimbledon crown.

"I'd probably do it again, I think it's worth it." A defeated Lendl admitting he may well repeat his months of practice on grass before next year's Wimbledon.

"I know it sounds weird but I've been staying with a friend and every morning and night we keep together in a bath-tub." Superstitious American teenager Angelica Gavaldon on her pre-match routine.

"I just had one party ... it lasted a week, though." First round loser Andres Gomez, on the celebrations that followed his French Open success.

"I miss Chris (Evert) playing, it's not the same. We can't throw soap at each other in the shower any more," Martina Navratilova divulges some locker-room secrets.

"I'm going to take about three valium and go to sleep," Navratilova on her preparations for her 11th Wimbledon final.

"I only how to my mom and dad, I was happy to wave a hello," Derrick Rostagno on the protocol of bowing to the royal box.

"I just felt relieved and sad. The only thing I will regret is never winning here," Hana Mandlikova, after her last career singles match before retiring.

SPORTS BRIEFS
Woosnam wins

MONTE CARLO, July 7. (Reuter): Ian Woosnam fired a record-equalling European round of 60 to romp away with the Monte Carlo trophy, capturing another Group One race to add to his performed 13-2 chance Eliminator in a last-furlong dash to win the Eclipse Stakes.

Carson triumphs

LONDON, July 7. (Reuter): Veteran jockey Willie Carson, winner of Sunday's Irish Derby on the filly Salsab, captured another Group One race today as he performed 13-2 chance Eliminator in a last-furlong dash to win the Eclipse Stakes.

Scotland striker

GLASGOW, July 7. (Reuter): Scotland international Striker Charlie Nicholas rejoined Glasgow Celtic club yesterday, seven years after he left the club to try his luck in English soccer.

Italian players

ROME, July 7. (Reuter): Italy's World Cup players will get a down-to-earth consolation prize for not reaching the final — bits of the pitch where it is played. The Italian squad will be given the first 22 pieces of turf when it is dug up for sale to souvenir hunters after tomorrow's final between West Germany and Argentina.

Latest compliment

MERANO, Italy, July 7. (Reuter): The latest compliment paid to Italian World Cup hero Salvatore Schillaci may be less welcome than the others — he has had a Tibetan yak named after him.

Alcohol ban

ROME, July 7. (Reuter): Rome authorities announced a 24-hour ban on sales of alcohol for tomorrow's World Cup final between Argentina and West Germany but said bars and restaurants could serve wine and beer for most of the day.

Argentine players

ROME, July 7. (Reuter): Win or lose, Argentina's players will pocket \$61,000 each after the World Cup final against West Germany.

Becker, Edberg meet for Wimbledon crown

Navratilova wins record 9th title

LONDON, July 7. (Reuter): Martina Navratilova guaranteed her place in Wimbledon folklore today when she beat fellow American Zina Garrison 6-4 6-1 to claim a record ninth women's singles title.

The Czechoslovak-born second seed proved too strong for the gallant Garrison as she finally beat the record of Helen Wills Moody, eight-times winner in the 1920s and 1930s.

It was a case of third time lucky for the 33-year-old Navratilova who had been beaten in the final by West German world number one Steffi Graf for the previous two years.

But she seldom looked like being denied by Garrison, conqueror of Graf and third seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia in her previous two matches.

Using her powerful left-handed serve to maximum effect, Navratilova hustled to victory in 75 minutes, sealing her triumph when Garrison hit a backhand lob long.

The victory earned Navratilova a winner's cheque for £207,000 (\$370,000), Garrison received £103,500 (\$185,000).

Navratilova needed 38 minutes to take the opening set against her 26-year-old opponent who was playing in her first Grand Slam final.

On an overcast afternoon with a gusty wind swirling around centre court Garrison made the perfect start, holding her serve to love at any initial nerves.

Navratilova then found her self break point down in her initial service game and although she recovered to level the score at 1-1 the quality of some of Garrison's returns offered encouragement to the first-time finalist.

The Czechoslovak-born Navratilova responded by forcing the first break of the match with a clipped backhand and then powered into a 3-1 lead on the strength of her serve.

Garrison saved two break



Garrison holds her lace after losing the match. (Reuter wirephoto)

points in the next game to claw her way back to 3-2 and had to save another in the seventh game as she struggled to keep her stronger opponent at bay.

But Navratilova's superior serve again proved decisive and she went on to wrap up the set on the first of three set points.

The second set followed a similar pattern with Garrison unable to make any impression on the match.

After Navratilova finally clinched victory on her first match

point, she climbed up to the players' box to embrace her friend Judy Nelson, hitting partner Craig Kardon and former Wimbledon champion Billie Jean King.

"Nothing else can top this. I worked so long and so hard for it. They say good things are worth waiting for," a delighted Navratilova said.

"I've never been drunk in my life before but this may be the day. Really I'm so big I need something to bring me back to

the two best grass court exponents.

Mansell, claiming his first pole since the 1987 Mexican Grand Prix, will share the front row of the grid with Berger.

Berger's McLaren team-mate Brazilian Ayrton Senna could not improve his time and will share the second row of the grid with Frenchman Alain Prost in the second Ferrari.

Although Prost was marginally faster, it was not enough to put him on the front row, but Mansell's success enabled Ferrari to overtake old rivals Lotus as the team with the most pole positions in the history of Formula One.

Mansell's blistering lap gave Ferrari their

108th pole position, lifting them one clear of Lotus who have won 107.

If Ferrari win tomorrow's race on the high-speed Le Castellet circuit they will become the first team to record 100 Formula One Grand Prix wins.

Senna said: "We ran in race conditions to get a better idea of what we should do tomorrow morning. It was mainly intended for us to gain as much data as possible and proved quite productive.

"Of course, the temperature was higher this afternoon which was one factor behind one decision to adopt this route."

"Records are made to be broken but this is one which was within reach. People like to see history being made and I'm just glad it was me who did it."

"I knew I would never have a better chance. Now I just want to savour the moment."

Navratilova received a standing ovation from a packed crowd which included eight former Wimbledon women's champions.

The world number two, who will be 34 in three months time, had won 27 of her 28 previous matches against Garrison but her opponent's form in the championships had raised visions of a black player winning the women's title for the first time since American Althea Gibson in 1958.

Gibson looked on from the royal box as Navratilova emphasised just why she has been the dominating force in the women's game since winning her first Wimbledon title in 1958.

Ruling all the exchanges at the net, she never allowed Garrison the freedom to play her best tennis and ended the match looking as fresh as when she started.

"She was a step ahead of me all the time," Garrison said.

"She was very relaxed. I can hardly comprehend winning one Wimbledon title let alone nine. She really believes this is her court and no one can take that away from her."

Boris Becker will stride on from Wimbledon's centre court tomorrow knowing he can share in a remarkable double West German sporting triumph this weekend.

Hours before the nation's footballers do battle in Rome against Argentina in the World Cup final, Becker, an avid soccer fan, goes in search of his fourth Wimbledon men's singles title against Sweden's Stefan Edberg.

The demise of top seed Ivan Lendl in the semifinals has pitted the two best grass court exponents.

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Under the circumstances, I don't think you can play much better than that," said Edberg.

"It's a different day on Sunday and a totally different player but if I maintain my form I think I'll be okay."

They have clashed four times on grass, with Becker winning three, but the 24-year-old Edberg, contesting his seventh Grand Slam final, believes he has run into form at the right time.

His 6-1 7-6 6-3 demolition of Lendl's Wimbledon dream was a masterly performance which he rated as one of his finest.

"Under the circumstances, I don't think you can play much better than that," said Edberg.

"It's a different day on Sunday and a totally different player but if I maintain my form I think I'll be okay."

Rainey extends lead



Navratilova: reigns supreme

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SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, July 7. (Reuter): American Wayne Rainey led from start to finish in the rain to win the Belgian 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix today and extend his world championship lead over compatriot Kevin Schwantz.

Frenchman Jean-Philippe Ruggia, who had never raced a 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix today and extend his world championship lead over compatriot Kevin Schwantz.

Ruggia finished four seconds behind Rainey with American world champion Eddie Lawson a further 16 seconds adrift.

Rainey's victory was his fifth in nine races this year and left him on 168 points in the world championship, 35 ahead of Suzuki rider Schwantz with six races remaining.

With Australian Michael Doohan managing only sixth place to take his third-placed points tally to 96, the two Americans look the only contenders for the title.

Schwantz appeared ill at ease and unwilling to take many risks on the wet track.

Although starting in pole position he had fallen back to fifth place after only one kilometre.

Winner of three races this season, he briefly appeared in third place but eventually finished seventh, one minute 20 seconds behind Rainey.

American Randy Mamola, an outsider on his unfaired Cagiva, came from behind to challenge Lawson for second place in the 10th lap but crashed a lap later on a sharp bend.

He was on his feet immediately and appeared only slightly hurt.

Yamaha rider Ruggia succeeded where Mamola had failed and sped Lawson on the next lap.

Lawson, who returned to the track only last week after being out for three and half months with a fractured heel, seemed satisfied with third place and slowed down in the closing stages.

Rainey was critical of the Francorchamps track, part of which is normally used as a public road. "The traction was very unpredictable. At times it was very scary. The tyres can only do so much," he said.

"It's bad enough in the dry but in the wet, it's very unpredictable. On the road part, it's very, very dangerous."

Alcala takes 7th stage

EPINAL, France, July 7. (UPI): Mexican rider Raul Alcala won today's 38-mile (61.5 kilometre) individual time trial in the seventh stage of the 77th Tour de France.

Canadian Steve Bauer maintained the overall leader's yellow Jersey, ending the day with an unofficial 17-second margin over Ronan Pensec of France.

Alcala covered the Vittel-Epinal stage in an official time of one hour, 17 minutes, five seconds, or one minute, 25 seconds better than his closest

rival, American Greg Lemond.

Leading overall placings: 1. Steve Bauer (Canada) 30 hours four minutes 49 seconds; 2. Ronan Pensec (France), 17 seconds behind; 3. Claudio Chiappucci (Italy) 1.11; 4. Frans Maassen (Netherlands) 1.16; 5. Raul Alcala (Mexico) 7.19; 6. Gerrit Solleveld (Netherlands) 7.23; 7. Greg Lemond (US) 10.09; 8. Uwe Ampler (East Germany) 10.14; 9. Sean Kelly (Ireland) 10.15; 10. Viacheslav Ekimov (Soviet Union) 10.26.

Soviet players share lead in Manila tourney

MANILA, July 7. (Reuter): Mikhail Gurevich of the Soviet Union won today to join countryman Vassily Ivanchuk in the lead of a Manila chess tournament to choose challengers for the world title in 1993.

Gurevich defeated Sergei Dolmatov, also of the Soviet Union, in 44 moves of a Dutch defence while Ivanchuk drew with Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi, who now plays for Switzerland, in 15 moves of a French defence.

They now have six points each after eight rounds of the tournament.

"I could have won more quickly, but he played the late middle game perfectly," Gurevich, who had the white pieces, told reporters.

French teenage grandmaster Joel Lautier outplayed Soviet grandmaster Rafael Vaganian in 57 moves of a Reti opening to close on the leaders with five points.

Pedrag Nikolic of Yugoslavia won in 40 moves of a queen's gambit declined after British grandmaster Nigel Short blundered away his rook. Nikolic now holds joint second place on 5.5 points along with Korchnoi and four other players.



Mansell (left) and Senna in action during today's practice session. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jade International take Hatid Ligaya by surprise

By Sonny Mariano

THE team standings in the on-going PBA All Filipino Summer League remained unchanged after last weekend's close and exciting matches which produced some unexpected results.

Top crowd drawer Jade International Trading caught surprising champion Hatid Ligaya by surprise to take two games from the Cargo Forwarders in their match on Thursday. Only Hatid Ligaya's big winning margin in first game prevented the Jade Businessmen from completing theirfeat as the Forwarders were able to salvage a 2-2 draw courtesy of their bonus point from their advantage in total pinfalls.

The top Traders for Jade were Ding Celeste, Madz Garcia, Demi Nardo, Egy Cruz and Danny Pangan. For Hatid Ligaya Vic Serrundo, Rudy Zablan and Carl Baginda were the best Cargo Forwarders.

Simultaneously on the other two lanes, another close match was also going on, this time between FRM Design and Kay & Associates. Kay won